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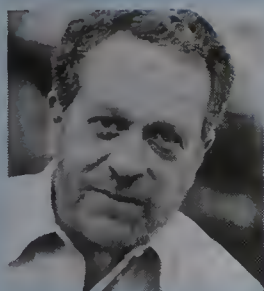
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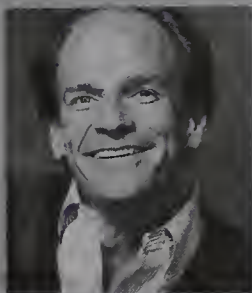
## SPECIAL ISSUE — MANAGING LASELL

### COMING TO LASELL...



Gubernatorial candidate **ROBERT REICH** will be commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient at Lasell's 147th commencement, May 19. (See page 3)

Singer, songwriter and musician **LIVINGSTON TAYLOR** performs with the New Philharmonia Orchestra at "Promenade Pops at Lasell," May 18 at 8 p.m. (See page 14)



## College to Introduce Graduate Degree Program in Management with Elder Care and Marketing Concentrations

**T**HROUGH ITS NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM, WHICH WON APPROVAL BY THE Board of Higher Education on Tuesday, February 12, 2002, Lasell College will begin offering a master of science degree in Management with concentrations in elder care and marketing starting in September 2002. The Board of Higher Education approval allows the College to market, recruit, and enroll graduate students for its new master's program beginning immediately.

"We are excited to add the first graduate program to Lasell's portfolio of degree offerings, because it reflects the College's ongoing commitment to educational innovation," said President Thomas de Witt. "Having created the country's first academic retirement community at Lasell Village — with its built-in, 450-hour residents' learning requirement — we have now developed a graduate program that will turn out practicing

professionals who will blend elements of business, gerontology, hospitality, management, sociology, psychology, and allied health in what we believe will be the first degree of its kind.

"With Lasell Village and other on- and off-campus 'laboratories,' Lasell students are able to

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## Managing Lasell...

### EMBRACING CHALLENGE, WELCOMING CHANGE

**E**XPERTS HAVE BEEN PREDICTING rapid changes in American higher education — and we have lived them!" exclaimed a proud President Thomas de Witt recently, in a message to the community announcing yet another Lasell milestone — a graduate program (see story above).

"After starting as a finishing school and gaining a reputation as a distinguished junior college for women for 139 years, Lasell became a baccalaureate college, went coed, and now has added a graduate program — all in a scant 12 years," he reminded the College community.

Under President de Witt's leadership, Lasell has shown a remarkable openness toward change and challenge, yielding a decade-plus of astonishing progress and revitalization despite its small size and its limited resources.



Lasell's Cabinet members: (front left to right) Margaretta Arnold, Diane Austin, Elizabeth Winter, Ruth Shuman; (back left to right) James Wingardner, Paula Panchuck, Kathleen O'Connor, James Ostrow.

"Lasell's renaissance has been a collective effort, which has asked much of faculty and staff. All can be justifiably proud of their contributions," President de Witt was quick to emphasize.

"Progress doesn't occur in a vacuum," Dr. de Witt said. And he pointed with pride to the Cabinet, the eight senior officers of the College who work together to provide counsel to the

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GET CONNECTED WITH OTHER ALUMNI  
THROUGH LASELL'S NEW ONLINE  
COMMUNITY

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LASELL COLLEGE CREATES NEW CENTER  
FOR RESEARCH ON AGING AND  
INTERGENERATIONAL STUDIES

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Managing Change

## LEADERSHIP AND THE FUTURE OF LASELL

WHEN YOU READ THIS EDITION OF THE *LEAVES*, THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE PUTTING the final touches on a two-year-long self-study in preparation for a re-accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) in November.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is sending a high-powered team composed of representatives from colleges such as Trinity (CT) and St. Michael's (VT). Because it views Lasell as an "aspiring institution," it expects us to assess the College's condition today while projecting changes that will enhance Lasell's effectiveness tomorrow.

Assessment and planning, therefore, intersect at a critical stage in Lasell's evolution.

Basking in the afterglow of our successful capital campaign, culminating in the celebration of our 150th birthday, we must ask ourselves: where does Lasell go now, and what lies in our future?

While a formal plan for the first decade of this new century will not be presented to the trustees until late 2002 or early 2003, we know its essential characteristics:

- A competitive institution of up to 1500 students (of whom about 20% should be graduate students enrolled in master's programs)
- A continued focus on the residential experience for 800-1000 undergraduates
- An enhancement of our connected learning curricula through project-based education

validated by student-produced electronic portfolios

- Support for ongoing faculty development and excellence in teaching
- Sustained fundraising
- Unwavering commitment to financial strength through balanced budgets and endowment growth.

To achieve our ambitious goals, we will need sustained creative and strategic leadership. Therefore the focus of this edition of the *Leaves* is on the senior management team which, with very little personnel turnover, has, in just over a decade, transformed an historic two-year college for women into a vibrant, growing, coeducational college offering baccalaureate and now master's degrees.

For small colleges like Lasell to succeed — to avoid the dangers of excessive reliance on individual, executive leadership — there must be a culture of consensus management. Without meaningful involvement by senior managers in institutional decisions, and broad latitude in operational management, talented staff soon seek new opportunities at larger colleges and universities. Such senior-

level turnover can be devastating in sustaining both continuity and innovation in small colleges.

We should, therefore, celebrate the remarkable record of a Cabinet which has led Lasell to a new era of promise. Gretta Arnold, Kate O'Connor, Paula Panchuck, and Betsey Winter have all been at the College longer than I; Diane Austin and Ruth Shuman have served seven and four years, respectively; Jim Ostrow and Jim Wingardner, who are recent additions to the team, help to ensure that the Cabinet remains open to new ideas and perspectives. Lasell's future depends on creative leadership responsive to shifts in market demand. I am blessed to work with such a strong group of leaders. The College is in good hands to achieve its future goals. ♣

Thomas E.J. de Witt, Ph.D.



## GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

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apply classroom-learned theory to real world situations in a dynamic, interactive, connected learning environment that provides invaluable experience and a clear advantage in the job market," Dr. de Witt continued.

Sensitive to the working professional, the graduate program is designed to enable students to use internship and practica sites set up by Lasell as well as their own places of professional employment. Classes meet one night a week, beginning at 6:30 p.m., to allow working professionals time to get from their place of employment to the conveniently located Lasell campus, get a bite to eat at Lasell's food court, and meet with professors before class.

Boasting the coeducational College's hallmark features, including an emphasis on teaching by experienced, field-savvy faculty, small class size, and a convenient and accessible campus situated in a suburban residential setting, Lasell's graduate program will offer the two master's degree programs to complement and broaden its strong academic offerings. The program will provide both undergraduate and master's degree candidates

with broader educational opportunities, more faculty to teach at both levels, and will reinforce the College's reputation as a market-sensitive educational institution.

The elder care concentration will prepare students to manage and operate agencies, organizations, and facilities serving the elderly, and work with all segments within that special population. It responds to the growing need for uniquely trained and qualified professionals for the burgeoning elder care marketplace.

Explains Kathleen O'Connor, Lasell's vice president of enrollment management, "Lasell provides an exciting alternative for those who don't want to settle for an advanced degree in a related field or opt for in-service, non-degree programs."

"Given our location and affiliations, we believe no one is better suited to offer this kind of connected learning degree," said Dr. de Witt.

Lasell's new graduate program will be housed in the School of Business and Information Technology. Its Dean, K. Brewer Doran, Ph.D., is the graduate program's director.

Lasell's graduate program in elder care offers a rich curriculum that includes courses such as Physiology of Aging; Legal, Regulatory and Public Policy Environment for Elder Care Services; Housing and Long-term Care Options for Older

Adults; Marketing to Seniors; Senior Facilities Management; Services and Programs for Older Adults, and Elder Care Management Challenges.

The marketing concentration will include courses in Consumer Behavior, Marketing Research and Marketing Communications. Its core curriculum includes Fundamentals of Executive Management, Research Methods, Management Information Systems, Financial Management, Organizational Behavior, Marketing Management, and Operations Management.

"All of Lasell's degree-granting programs include practical experience through course-based projects, internships, practica, clinical affiliations, and on-site training. This experience-based approach to education establishes a sense of both connection and relevance — students understand the value of their academic work as they prepare to become imaginative and ethical practitioners of their chosen professions," Dr. Doran said.

The Office of Graduate Admission will begin accepting applications immediately to the new degree program which begins in the fall.

For more information, call the Office of Graduate Admission, at 617-243-2400, or email at gradinfo@lasell.edu. ♣



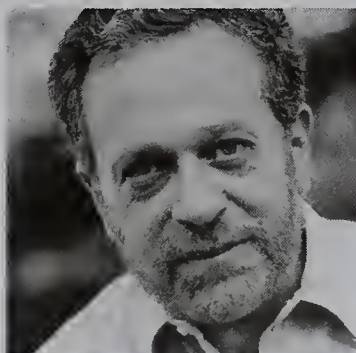
# Gubernatorial Candidate Robert Reich to Address Graduates at Lasell College's 147th Commencement

**M**ASSACHUSETTS GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE ROBERT REICH WILL BE THE commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient at the 147th annual commencement ceremonies at Lasell College, Sunday, May 19, 2002, at 1 p.m., at Taylor Field.

A long time civil servant, Robert Reich was the nation's 22nd Secretary of Labor during the first term of President Bill Clinton. As Secretary of Labor, Robert Reich initiated a national crusade to abolish sweatshops in the United States and eradicate child labor around the world, and saw the Family and Medical Leave Act passed and implemented. In addition, Secretary Reich was instrumental in raising the minimum wage for the first time since 1989.

Robert Reich was an assistant to the solicitor general in the administration of Gerald Ford, representing the United States before the U.S. Supreme Court, and headed the policy planning staff of the Federal Trade Commission in the Jimmy Carter administration. Prior to becoming Labor Secretary, Mr. Reich was a member of the faculty of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

In addition to his work on the campaign trail running for governor of Massachusetts, Robert Reich is the Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy at Brandeis University and its Heller Graduate School. Robert Reich has authored eight books, including *The Work of Nations*, which has been translated into 22 languages, the best-seller, *Locked in the Cabinet*, and, most recently, *The Future of Success*, published by



Gubernatorial candidate and Maurice B. Hexter Professor at Brandeis University Robert Reich.

Alfred Knopf. Mr. Reich has written for and frequently appears on television, where he was the host of the widely acclaimed four-part public TV series, *Made in America* (1992). His radio commentary can be heard every other Thursday evening on public radio's "Marketplace." Additionally, his writings have been included in *The New Yorker*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, *Britain's Observer*, and many other publications. He is the founder and national editor of *The American Prospect*.

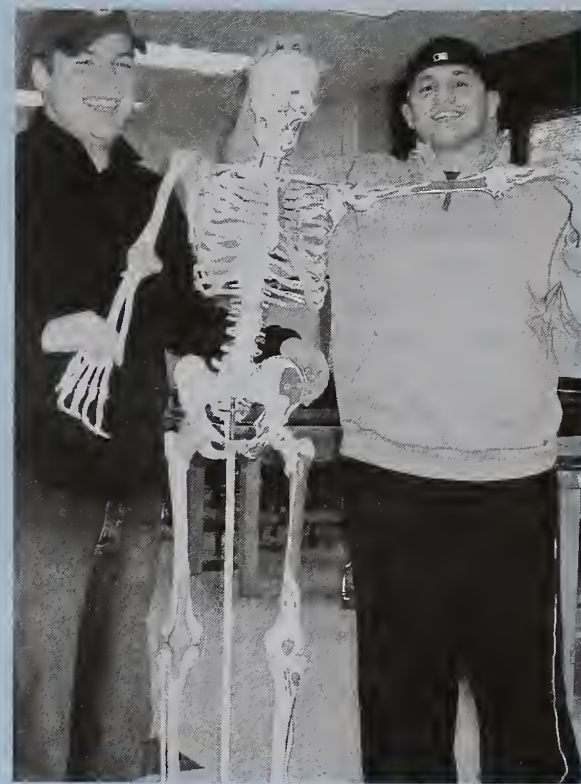
Robert Reich, 55, is a resident of Cambridge, Massachusetts with his wife, Clare Dalton, a leading feminist legal scholar who is Northeastern University's Matthews Distinguished University Professor. He received a B.A. from Dartmouth College in 1968, an M.A. from Oxford University, and a law degree from Yale Law School in 1973. ♣

## Athletic Training Program Accredited

**T**HE SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH announced recently that the Athletic Training Department has received national accreditation. "A special congratulations goes to program Chair and Assistant Professor Bill Nowlan, who has worked very hard for this achievement, developing curriculum, labs and internship sites, in addition to writing a comprehensive self-study and hosting a three-day visit last fall," says Associate Dean Lisa Harris, who oversees Allied Health.

"By 2004 everyone in the discipline has to have graduated from an accredited program," explains Professor Nowlan, "so it is very important to be recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

Once we filed for candidacy we had to wait a year and the site visit by the accrediting team finally happened in April 2001. CAAHEP only meets twice a year, so this meant that we had more waiting in store for us, but it was worth it."



Students Jesse Dimick and Joe Pirrone celebrate the accreditation with Mr. Bones.

Beginning in the sophomore year of the four year program, students must take a clinical each semester. "We have a very hands-on curriculum," says Professor Nowlan. "What makes the Lasell program so special is all the sites that are available to our students. They include a variety of practice settings and clinical rotations at such schools as Boston College, M.I.T., Bentley, and Brookline High School. Our team physician comes from Children's Hospital and we are hoping to expand our internships there."

December saw the first two Athletic Training students graduate and the newly accredited program promises to grow each year. ♣

### AFFINITY REUNIONS FOR PTA AND EDUCATION MAJORS, SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2002

#### School of Allied Health — PTA Reunion Program

Guest Speaker: Mauria Vallas Falcone, physical therapist and national presenter  
3:30-5:30 p.m.

#### School of Arts and Sciences — Education Reunion Program

Guest Speaker: Dr. Judith Schickedanz, professor of education, Boston University  
3:30-5:30 p.m.

## Jackie Hoffmeir Lard '68 Elected to Board of Overseers

**J**ACKIE HOFFMEIR LARD '68 HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF THE GROWTH AND changes at Lasell since her graduation.

"One of the things of which I am most proud is that through thick and thin, I have tried to make a donation to the College every year. When I was having my first tour of the school, I heard someone say how hard it was for women's colleges to raise money because funds were usually directed to the husband's alma mater. This made a real impression on me, and with coeducation and all the changes that are happening at Lasell today, the importance of fundraising has increased."

Mrs. Lard lives with her husband, Charles, in West Hartford, Connecticut, and they have two grown children.

Always interested in art, she devotes time to the Wadsworth Atheneum, where she is a volunteer docent.

She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut in 1998. "I became a real fan of the Lady Huskies. What an extraordinary basketball team!" she exudes.

Her enthusiasm will be one of the valuable assets she brings to the Board of Overseers. ♣



# MANAGING LASELL.....

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president, consider vital college-related issues of academics, enrollment, institutional advancement, and governance, and participate with Lasell's chief executive in planning and implementing institutional strategies.

What follows are brief conversations with each Cabinet member, providing a rare, inside glimpse of what they see as their accomplishments and challenges at Lasell, and how they work individually and in tandem to secure the College's future. ♣

## MARGARETTA ARNOLD

**Title:** Executive Assistant to the President

**Undergraduate degree:** A.S., Fisher Junior College

*Served as Interim Dean of Students for one academic year.*

**Began at Lasell:** May 1984



Margaretta Arnold

*"We work hard here, individually, and as a team. But at the end of the day, I usually close the door feeling gratified for having done work that is rewarding and yes, even fun."*

"I came to Lasell as assistant to former President Peter Mitchell. Peter and I had worked together at Fisher Junior College and we always joked that we eventually should run our own college. After I had worked 14 years at Fisher as director of student services, the opportunity to move presented itself, and I was happy to take it on.

"Lasell was a good institution, but the 1970s and 80s had been hard on it. I certainly saw its potential. And when Tom de Witt accepted the position of president in 1988, it was with the proviso that he would have the support to take Lasell to a baccalaureate-degree granting institution. From then on, it has been one impressive accomplishment after another. I think Lasell has surpassed most people's wildest dreams by moving from a survival mode to a thriving mode.

"I liked Tom immediately. He jumped into the job with his characteristic enthusiasm and passion, and he began working with the Cabinet to encourage their free and open input. Tom always invites the Cabinet to give opinions and he listens — even when he disagrees. He is thoughtful and open to argument. It's a valuable trait.

"I think we, on the Cabinet, have all worked ourselves into being a really good team whose focus is the best interests of the College. We generally make choices that benefit the entire institution rather than our own, specific areas of responsibility. That takes a lot of doing, particularly when it comes to allocating budgets. But we realize that we're all in the same boat together and, if the boat is going to move forward, we all have to work productively together.

"I'm most proud to have the opportunity to work with such fine people. The Cabinet is composed of smart, energetic, good-humored colleagues who have also become good friends. After

18 years at Lasell, to say that it's still satisfying and fun working here, I think, tells the whole story."

## DIANE AUSTIN

**Title:** Dean of Students

**Undergraduate degree:** B.A., State University of N.Y., Plattsburgh

**Graduate degree:** M.S., State University of N.Y., Plattsburgh

**Began at Lasell:** June 1995



Diane Austin

*"Ours is an institution that prides itself on looking ahead. At Lasell, future vision is as important as responding to immediate issues."*

"I point to the smooth transition from single-sex to coeducation, unanimously endorsed by the Board of Trustees, as one of the truly impressive aspects of overall leadership and collaboration on this campus during my seven years here.

"I served with 12 others on the mission committee that was convened in July 1997 and had until September to complete its work of defining what would be required to make a successful transition. I am very proud of that process, particularly since, initially, many of our constituencies were against admitting men to Lasell. I wrote the final report to the Board of Trustees that, in October, unanimously approved the move to coeducation. The rest of the year was spent developing ways to change the culture at Lasell, finding ways to welcome both men and women to the College.

"Going coed brought tremendous energy to the campus and huge growth. The College became much more residential. Now 80 percent of students live on campus. Before, it was more like 50 percent. In 1996, we had 303 student beds available. Now we have 681. Before, we attracted a greater number of non-traditional aged students whose support areas were outside of the campus. Now we have vitality on the campus on the weekends. Social and educational activities have grown. The Athletic program has grown. We now have 150 intercollegiate athletes and 12 teams!

"I see change defining Lasell's current history. The granting of four-year degrees put into motion all that we have accomplished so far. And now a master's program — its approval is an incredible statement from the external community, the most noticeable affirmation. It means Lasell is seen as being viable and here for the long term.

"The Cabinet brings together a strong group of professionals whom Tom uses as his sounding board. We bring so much experience and enthusiasm to the job. Efficient and hard workers, I think we are really creative about the use of human and financial resources.

"Many members have served on the Cabinet or at Lasell for a long period. That constancy at the institution, and in the Cabinet, provides an invaluable perspective in terms of governance. Tom de Witt gives us the opportunity to do the job as his advisors. With each other and with him, we com-

municate, keep each other appraised, constantly re-evaluate, and work towards a consensus. It is satisfying, and the results seem to speak for themselves.

"We are not just satisfied with baseline. We are thinking about today's student, of course, but we are also thinking and preparing them for 15 years out. We are looking ahead. Here, there is a future vision as well as an immediate one."

## KATHLEEN O'CONNOR

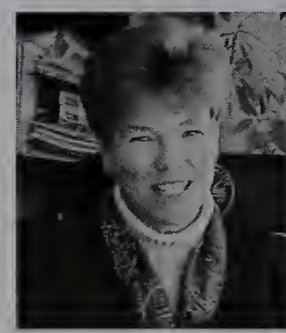
**Title:** Vice President for Enrollment Management

**Undergraduate degree:** A.B., Regis College

**Graduate degree:** M.Ed., Lesley College; doctoral candidate at the University of Massachusetts

**Began at Lasell:** February 1987

*Served previously as Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Dean of Students*



Kathleen O'Connor

*"When you sit here, from day to day, you don't get to see the breadth of accomplishments this institution has made. But when you start accumulating data over the past 10 years for a New England Association of Schools and Colleges*

*(NEASC) report, it's like looking at the wake of a turning ocean liner. You don't feel it turning but you can see the change of direction in the wake of the ship."*

"While I am proud of the enrollment growth at Lasell, I am most proud of my role as a member of the senior team — defining strategy and implementing it. The Cabinet, with its responsibility for oversight for the College, has the ability to create programs and initiatives that are responsive to the changing market. Our goal is to integrate Lasell into that environment and still keep what is unique and important to us as an institution, and to anchor it more firmly to its niche.

"My current challenges include hiring a graduate program admission director, and marketing the graduate program, as well as organizing a market research program for the future director, and launching the campaign. Along with that, I've been focused on growing the undergraduate enrollment and working to achieve a better retention rate. Each year we have added some 70 to 90 students to the enrollment pool. We expect to have more than 900 students this fall and continue slowly growing. Our ultimate goal is 1200 students.

"We also are working to shape enrollment. Nationally more women participate in college enrollment than men, so we are bucking the trend when we grow gender equity. We are now at 25% men, and we would love to get to 35 percent.

"I love Lasell because, at this institution, one can make a difference. I talk to colleagues at the elite schools about teaching and student life, and I hear from them that, unlike Lasell, they don't feel or see that they have a direct impact on students' lives the way we, here, so often do.



# THE CABINET, IN THEIR OWN WORDS . . . . .

A Lasell education and the campus experience really do make a difference for our students.

"What distinguishes the Lasell experience from other institutions is not only its size, but also, the president's leadership. Tom de Witt offers us the opportunity to be creative. If you have a good idea, you are encouraged to express it, and if it goes beyond your area of responsibility, to collaborate with your colleagues. There is a sense of adventure and fun that comes with not being at a mundane institution where repetition rules. I have a job in which I don't do the same thing twice. Some of that is institutional; some is my longevity at Lasell; and part of it is that I just enjoy the diversity.

"My dream for Lasell is that there would be three new buildings across the street from Klingbeil House — and they would be full; Lasell would be more financially stable, with a bigger endowment and greater resources; and the graduate program would have 300 students enrolled and the undergraduate programs would have 1200."

## JIM OSTROW

**Title:** Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Sociology

**Undergraduate degree:** B.A., Johnston College, University of Redlands

**Graduate degrees:** M.Ed., Boston University; Ph.D., Boston University

**Began at Lasell College:** January 2001



*"We work toward having students view their role in the educational process as productive versus consumptive so students are engaged actively in the processes of investigation, discovery, and analysis that lie at the heart*

*of any academic subject as opposed to merely absorbing and regurgitating information."*

"I was attracted to Lasell because of its size, the relatively high number of programs for its size, and its physical uniqueness and beauty. But, most important, Lasell College drew me because of its educational philosophy of connected learning including, of course, the intergenerational possibilities introduced by Lasell Village.

"In terms of governance and institutional management, I think the greatest challenges revolve around securing the trust and support of the faculty; clarifying, building upon, and getting buy-in for delivering on the promise of connected learning; and working through the re-accreditation process — converting it from a mundane meeting of tasks to an opportunity for setting a new academic vision for the College; reforming the curriculum across programs; and creating more consistent, supportive, and rigorous evaluation and development processes and opportunities for faculty.

"I believe the chief academic officer should be an educator with a solid and informed education-

al philosophy. I think that too many administrators allow educational vision and direction to take a back seat to the day-to-day 'arts and crafts' of management. Good managerial sense and efficiency are of paramount importance in this position, but they must exist within the context of a vision informed by the purpose of the organization.

"At Lasell, I believe we have created a better working environment between faculty and the administration, a more supportive set of processes for faculty advancement and excellence, a clearer and more comprehensive fulfillment of the connected learning objective, more flexible and consistent curricular programming, a better academic advising system, an expanded, richer set of supports and programming for first year students, a richer, expanded honors program, a soon-to-be instituted graduate program, greater attention on the scholarship of teaching, richer and greatly expanded programming in the Center for Community-Based Learning and the Donahue Institute, and clearer and more rigorous standards for academic achievement.

"Managing Lasell in the future will rely on building on the initiatives already begun in order to create a more obvious and coherent stamp of uniqueness to Lasell academics. Lasell must work toward standing out from other colleges more clearly with respect to its student support systems, its connected learning and project-focused educational framework, and the bond all constituencies feel toward the College community.

"The four strategic priorities articulated in the self-study I am drafting — Connected Learning, Intellectual Curiosity, College Community Involvement, and Civic and Personal Responsibility, when fulfilled in all of their components, will make a College that truly stands out from others and will draw a high caliber, educationally-committed student."

## PAULA PANCHUCK

**Title:** Dean for Lasell Village

**Undergraduate degree:** B.S., University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Graduate degrees:** M.Ed., Framingham State College; Ph.D., Lesley College

**Began at Lasell:** September 1985

*Served previously as Program Chair of Early Childhood Education (1985-1997) and Interim Academic Dean (1997-1998)*



Paula Panchuck

*"What a revolutionary notion it was to require learning as a requirement for residence at Lasell Village! And look what has happened as a result. The focus of 'living and learning' at the Village is its defining characteristic. Villagers complete a minimum of 450 hours of learning activity each calendar year, to the extent they are physically and intellectually able. At Lasell, we are so fortunate and so willing to go beyond convention. It makes for wonderful possibilities."*

"I value this institution because of its size, the way it esteems professional experience as well as academic accomplishments in faculty, and the entrepreneurial spirit that empowers faculty and staff to think and act creatively.

"I, personally, am most proud of the on-site educational program that now occurs at the Village year round. The major challenges have been to create a living, breathing, educational program for older adults from a seed of an idea that had been planted by others before me without benefit of a template or model, and balancing the College's need to make the most of the Village presence (intergenerational programs, graduate students, Research Center) with residents' needs for both involvement and privacy in their new home at Lasell.

"Without exception, Cabinet members are hardworking (sometimes excessively so!) and totally dedicated to the institution. They are creative and know how to get the biggest possible 'bang for the buck.' We operate with full confidence in one another, collaborating with each other and working with the Board of Trustees, whom we see as allies and as valuable sources of information and guidance. I believe the Cabinet and the Board have forged a very positive, constructive relationship. And, I think all Cabinet members have strong working relationships with both faculty and staff.

"My dream for the College? I'd build the endowment even further to continue to improve salaries to reward the loyalty and hard work that so many people have given to the institution. And, if we had the space, I'd add a campus chapel and do more to address the spiritual needs of the entire community."

## RUTH SHUMAN

**Title:** Dean for Institutional Advancement

**Undergraduate degree:** B.A., Northeastern University

**Graduate degree:** M.S., Boston University

**Began at Lasell:** June 1998



Ruth Shuman

*"I'm proud of managing the Institutional Advancement team that successfully completed a \$10 million capital campaign by raising \$18 million! I am proud of writing a successful grant proposal to the Kresge Foundation that helped support the renovation of the Winslow Academic Center, and of successfully starting a Corporate Sponsorship Program at Lasell. Our four-day 'Lasell 150' extravaganza celebration was a big success among all of our constituents. The biggest compliment came from President de Witt, who said, 'I can't believe a small school like Lasell could pull off such a big event!'"*

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"I think we have done a terrific job of raising the bar. The fundraising infrastructure has been put into place, the quality of alumni publications has significantly improved, and the quality and quantity of alumni events have been strengthened. The challenge now is to keep the bar raised, with limited resources. Another challenge will be to identify and cultivate the next generation of alumni from the 60s, 70s and 80s who will, hopefully, support the next capital campaign in 2007 or 2008. The Annual Fund will need to grow to \$1 million over the next three to five years to provide resources beyond what is available in the operating budget of the College. And, of course, we need to grow the endowment. Currently it is \$12 million and it needs to be around \$50 million if Lasell is to remain financially viable for the long term.

President de Witt has set a standard for communication at Lasell that clearly is the reason for our collective successes. For example, he sends a monthly informational letter to his Board of Trustees, Overseers, and Corporators to let them know everything that is happening at Lasell. As a result, they feel well informed and have developed an enormous sense of trust in him and the administration of this college.

"Although each Cabinet member brings an expertise to his/her assigned area, we succeed in sharing ideas across disciplines and have instituted programs and policies that are in the best interest of the institution. The best example of how we operate is around budget time. We know there are limited resources to go around. As a Cabinet, we define and discuss what we see as the highest priorities for the institution. In many organizations, senior managers get very territorial and lobby for things that will only enhance their areas. This does not happen at Lasell.

"As for the future of Lasell, I hope for 1500 students, neighbors who love us, several regionally-prominent graduate programs, an endowment of at least \$50 million, an Annual Fund that would take in more than \$1 million a year, and a much less tuition-dependent institution.

## ELIZABETH WINTER '70

**Title:** Vice President for Business and Finance

**Undergraduate degrees:** A.A., Lasell College, B.A., Newton College

**Graduate degree:** M.B.A., Babson College

**Began at Lasell:** 1976

*Served previously as Admission Counselor; Assistant Director of Admission/Director of Financial Aid; Controller; Director of Financial Affairs; Dean of Administration*



Elizabeth Winter

*"I am not afraid to make a decision or to take a risk. I'm not afraid of making a mistake. I believe that sometimes from mistakes come the very ideas that will move us forward."*

"When I graduated from college I took a year off, worked in a law firm and began to research where the jobs for women would be in five to 10 years. I had contemplated law school, but it seemed that everyone I knew was going to law school — I chose business instead. I was one of six women in the full-time MBA program at Babson College in 1973. When I returned to Lasell to interview for a job as an admission counselor, I thought to myself 'I can really make a difference here.'

"In the early years, my philosophy differed dramatically from that of my colleagues. I came from a business background and the corporate world (Xerox Corporation). When I entered the admission field, I actually defined my job as 'marketing the institution.' My colleagues were appalled. When I referred to myself as a 'marketer' or a 'salesperson,' I was reminded that I was an 'admissions counselor.' In my view, however, I was no longer selling copiers, I was selling education.

"It was a challenge to bring my business philosophy into my positions in academia. Many of my colleagues favored aggressively budgeting revenues and conservatively budgeting expenses in order to produce what appeared to be balanced budgets. I have always had a very different approach — conservatively budgeting revenues and aggressively budgeting expenses. That way the only surprises you encounter are positive.

"I also have the ability to know where to conserve revenues without sacrificing quality. Over the past years, I have had a great mentor in Tom de Witt. Tom was exactly what this College needed — an entrepreneur who was willing to take major risks. He knew that colleges must be run like businesses, because that is precisely what they are.

"I have always viewed my job as being about one thing — the bottom line. We are, indeed, a nonprofit organization, but we must be a 'profitable nonprofit.' In order to be successful, we have to identify ways to generate funds which can then be filtered back into facilities, academic programs, endowment, etc. I am always searching for ways to augment revenues in order to reduce the percentage of tuition dependency. The greatest challenge, from my perspective, is to establish and maintain sound fiscal policies.

"Lasell's major accomplishments are the result of a collective effort by each and every member of the Cabinet. And, of course, I credit Tom de Witt with most of the success. He has given us the space to succeed in our respective areas. My contributions include assisting the College in evolving into a fiscally sound institution, the completion of three bond issues which have enabled us to develop the physical plant and facilities, and assisting with the development and ongoing financial management of Lasell Village.

"The College is still relatively small and, therefore, fragile. We need to continue to build the endowment — it is our life's blood. We must continue to seek alternative sources of revenues. We need to continue to build mutually beneficial partnerships. We must keep our name in the public's eye. And, finally, we must do what we profess to do, and we must do it really well."

## JAMES WINGARDNER

**Title:** Executive Director of Lasell Village

**Undergraduate degree:** B.S., New Hampshire College

**Began at Lasell:** August 1999



James Wingardner

*"It has been so gratifying to see the growth of connection between Lasell Village and the College. I look forward to the new graduate program as a valuable resource to Lasell Village, especially its connection to our community."*

"I became involved with Lasell originally as an employee of developer CareMatrix, and making the transition to working for Lasell, with its unique philosophy of management, has been an interesting and rewarding experience. The measure of how fully Lasell Village is embraced into the life of Lasell College is demonstrated by my inclusion as an active member of the Cabinet. The process of integration has been a gratifying one, benefiting both the College and the Village, and infusing all of us who have worked together to create this unique alliance with enormous energy and pride.

"We are so proud of the fact that the Village transcends the retirement/nursing home model and anticipates trends in the elderly population, keeping Lasell Village on the cutting edge. To date, the very successful, sold-out Lasell Village is the *only* college-owned and managed continuous care retirement community (CCRC) with a continued learning requirement for residents. With its success, I expect others to follow, but we clearly have established the standards for those who will follow.

"The Cabinet has many talented individuals with vast experience in managing small colleges and a rich history at Lasell College. I find our time spent together a valuable tool in which to share ideas and work on issues at hand. Our collaborations are stimulating and thought-provoking. But most important, they yield positive results.

"The Village is composed of 162 independent living apartments and a 44-bed skilled nursing facility. Each of the 14 Village buildings includes a classroom, fitness facility or studio devoted to the integration of intellectual growth, creative development, and physical wellness. Lasell Village also hosts the Elderhostel-affiliated Lasell College Institute for Learning in Retirement, and the new Lasell College Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies (see story on page 1). ▀



# Campus Construction & Changes Continue

**M**EN IN HARD HATS, WEARING TOOL BELTS, WALKING AROUND CAMPUS, have become a natural sight even as the sound of earthmovers heaving and redistributing space has become part of the ambient noise of everyday life at the College. As Lasell's growth continues, physical changes to the campus are the necessary response.

With the rise in student admissions, new dormitory space has become an immediate necessity. The opening of Seminary Suites in October marked the beginning of change on Bragdon Hill. Further down the street, the carriage house and garage adjacent to Eager House were removed in order to make way for another 56-bed residence hall.

More students mean a higher demand for parking spaces and a new 45-space lot in front of Van Winkle and McClelland on Woodland Road was completed this fall. The College re-landscaped the site very attractively, so that the cars are screened from the road by stands of trees. More parking is planned for the Bragdon Hill area.

Taylor Field has also been under construction. After the completion of Grellier Field, the NCAA enlarged the size specifications of a regulation soccer field. As a result, several nationally-ranked colleges would not play our teams at home, nor was Lasell technically eligible to host play-off games. The result has been the enlargement of Taylor Field, which now will be able to accommodate both soccer and softball. 🍂



Construction is underway for the new Eager House.

## Lasell Inn Welcomes Public at New Location

**O**N DECEMBER 1, 2001, THE NEW LASELL INN, NOW LOCATED AT 248 GROVE Street, opened its doors to the public. "We had a lot of work to do, starting with the roof, the kitchen, and all the decorating details, but we're very pleased with the result," says Ellen LaBelle, chair of the Hospitality, Travel/Tourism Administration Department (HTA).

Jordan Marsh originally built the Inn as a lodge when its warehouse was located across the street. Lasell purchased the property when Village construction became a reality, and the historic nature of the house gives the Bed and Breakfast a unique and appealing character. The period details have been lovingly restored and the wood paneling, fireplaces, and leaded windows all add to the New England architectural ambiance.

Under the supervision of resident innkeeper Mark Hannigan, students are responsible for operating the B & B. "It's a wonderful tool for preparing students for the hospitality industry," says Ellen. "Our inn-keeping practica give students both back-of-the-house and front-of-the-house experience. They are responsible for every aspect, from house-keeping, to reservations, to guest accounting."

"The HTA students are not the only ones to benefit from the Inn as a learning tool," explains Dr. Brewer Doran, dean of the School of Business & Information Technology. "It serves as a resource for many departments. Accounting students work with the books, interior design students apply their tal-



The Lasell Inn hangs out its shingle at a new address.

ents to the decoration of the rooms, and marketing students are thinking of ways in which to promote the B & B. It's a true example of connected learning."

There are a number of new ideas perking on how to expand the use of the Inn. "The first floor space has already served as a spot for a faculty/staff get-together and we are exploring ways for the Village to benefit from it as well," says Dean Doran. "An advantage of proximity to the Village is that Inn guests can arrange for guest passes at the Village

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## Information Technology Establishes Help Desk

**T**HE NEW YEAR BROUGHT SOME major changes for the Information Technology Department. "Most important is the establishment of a Help Desk in the Computer Center which will be the frontline support for faculty, staff, and student computer and telephone problems," explains Director Deborah Gelch.



IT staff members (left to right) Jonathan Gorham, Karyn Sousa, Cathy Kidd, and Tammy Godin.

Tammy Godin, the primary Help Desk consultant says, "The new system brings the whole team together. Having someone to field questions gives the rest of the staff time to work and complete projects that are on their desks. The students have also been very receptive. They know there is someone there for immediate help or, if the problem can't be fixed immediately, they know, at least, when it will be fixed."

"Having the Help Desk has been great for everyone," concurs Jonathan Gorham, who knows the ins and outs of the College's desktops and telephone system. "Prior to the Help Desk, we would find that several of us were working on the same problems, which was not efficient. Now the users are happy that they have a place to go and we can each focus on our area of expertise."

New mother and Manager of User Services, Karyn Sousa, finds that she is able to handle both work and baby Samantha. "Each requires a different part of the brain," she smiles. "Sometimes I think it's easier coming to work than taking care of her," she teases.

Karyn trains the student lab assistants, schedules their time, and maintains the labs... and then goes home to Samantha.

Two other key players are Richard Marshall, who keeps the College's systems going when everyone goes home, and Stephen Smith, who manages the College network behind the scenes. 🍂



## Project-Focused Learning at Lasell

**I**N AN AMBITIOUS, REFOCUSED emphasis on academic life at Lasell, Vice President of Academic Affairs Jim Ostrow is centering his attention on a productive, project-focused, progressive view of learning across all programs.

"By 'connected learning' we refer to those activities through which students appreciate the value and relevance of what they experience in school beyond school," Dr. Ostrow explains. "Lasell College intends for students to be so engaged with academic subject matter that learning *matters* more than meeting course requirements and earning grades."

"We believe students should value their education as more than what John Dewey calls something 'received and left behind.' We believe that academic engagement is of central importance in contemporary education. The key is that students are 'connected' to actual situations, problems, issues, and events through exploration and reflection."

"Many of the existing and planned initiatives in academics, student life, and faculty development center upon a project-focused approach to education, where student imagination and energy is engaged beyond the walls of the classroom while linked to reflective activity within the classroom," Dr. Ostrow continues.

"As Lasell College has transformed itself into a traditional-age, baccalaureate, and now also master's degree level institution, it has also strived to inspire students to develop dispositions toward and the competence to understand, explore, analyze, and articulate the meaning of their environment. We also want our faculty to experience academic life as continuously stimulating, challenging, and supportive of intellectual development."

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gym or use the Village food service to order evening meals."

The future possibilities are vast and exciting, and as more people stay at the Inn, the word will be out about its distinctive comfort and charm.

To reach the Inn, call (617) 965-8725 or email [lasellinn@lasell.edu](mailto:lasellinn@lasell.edu). Make your reservations early! 🍷

**The Inn is Open!**

## Donahue Institute & Center for Community-Based Learning Move Under Same Roof

**T**HE BOXES ARE UNPACKED AND THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY-BASED Learning and the Donahue Institute are both installed in their new quarters at 155 Woodland Avenue, Plummer House. "It's wonderful to have the space and to have both centers, which support each other's efforts, under the same roof, keeping us in daily touch and making it easy to brainstorm," says Dr. Sharyn Lowenstein, director of the Center.

Both Dr. Lowenstein and Dr. Tessa LeRoux, director of the Donahue Institute for Public Life and Values, arrived at Lasell this fall. "I spent last semester getting to know people on campus and familiarizing myself with the history of the Institute," explains Dr. LeRoux. "I reviewed its original intent and saw what programs had been successful in the past. The Institute's mission dovetails with the Center's work. The Institute brings awareness of social issues to campus while the Center is the active element, engaging students in activities."

Dr. LeRoux sees a strong speaker series as a way of encouraging both faculty and student involvement. "I hope to have a speaker per semester and to make it a public event, inviting the surrounding Newton community. The Institute will continue with forums, such as we had after September 11, to foster discussion in response to current events. On a smaller scale, we have begun 'Brown Bag' discussions at lunch. Recently we sponsored one in conjunction with the Counseling Center that focused on gender issues."



Members of Lasell's America Reads program gather at the Farragut School in Boston.

Members of the faculty have contacted Dr. LeRoux with speaker ideas and this is just what she hopes for. "I see my role as that of a facilitator. I am delighted when I am approached by faculty and students regarding topics they would like to see presented. The issues that we bring up for discussion should be an extension of the classroom. The Institute benefits from its academic environment. It can't just be an extra," continues Dr. LeRoux.

The Center for Community-Based Learning (formerly known as the Center for Public Service) also works as an extension of the classroom and reflects Lasell's emphasis on connected learning by developing opportunities through community project-focused education. "Faculty members are integrating service learning into their curricula



Sharyn Lowenstein, Molly DeStafney and Tessa LeRoux meet in their new Plummer House home.

and making the experience an enrichment of the course material," explains Dr. Lowenstein.

Three agencies that Lasell has developed ties with are the Girl Scouts, Second Step, a transitional woman's shelter for survivors of abuse, and Boston Partners in Education, an organization that serves as a liaison for placing volunteers within Boston public schools. "I see wonderful opportunities for my students there," says Ruth Joseph, chair of the Education Department.

Lasell Village also partners with the College in connected learning and the intergenerational give-and-take is irreplaceable.

"When I arrived at Lasell the environment was poised for a geared-up Center and I found that the students on this campus are passionate about service," continues Dr. Lowenstein. Molly DeStafney, Lasell's Massachusetts Campus Compact (MACC) AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer can testify to this. Molly has been involved in numerous projects, but by far the largest program is *America Reads*.

This huge and well-loved literacy program was a Clinton initiative and uses federal work study money to pay college students to tutor children who have fallen behind in reading. Last fall 30 students gave four to five hours a week and tutored children at the MacArthur School in Waltham and the Farragut School in Boston. The Lasell students are trained before they are matched with a child to tutor twice a week.

An event that met with unprecedented success was *The Giving Tree*, a campus-wide holiday drive. "I could barely get into my office, it was so full of toys," laughs Molly. "I wasn't sure what to expect, but I was so impressed by the students' generosity. Not only did we receive quality clothing items, but we had barrels and bags full of gifts for children."

The Plummer House team is clearly passionate about what they are doing and the response and involvement they are getting is beginning to swell. The more voices and perspectives are heard, the richer and more encompassing the learning experience will be. 🍷



## Davis Educational Foundation Funds Open Many Doors for Faculty

**T**HE IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY AS A TEACHING AND LEARNING tool at Lasell College has been greatly enhanced by funding provided by the Davis Educational Foundation. Faculty members have quickly responded to the varied professional development opportunities offered to them through a combination of workshops, one-to-one training opportunities, drop-in conferences, as well as the multi-day summer and winter camps.

In June 2001, 14 faculty members spent four days of their summer vacation attending *The Art of Using Technology as a Teaching and Learning Tool*.

Participants had their choice of workshops that focused on software, information, communication, and hardware technologies. Each day began with coffee and conversation followed by two workshop sessions, lunch and pedagogical discussions, and ended with two afternoon workshops. Plans are currently underway for the 2002 summer camp.

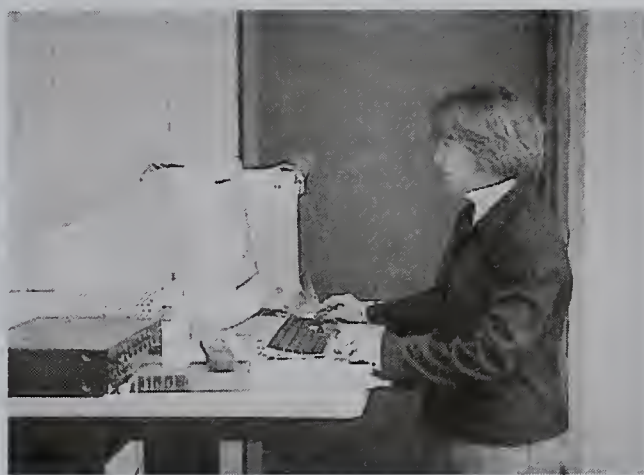
In addition to camp offerings, there has been a concentrated effort to provide pedagogical and technical support to faculty on a number of levels in small group, peer-to-peer, or large group settings on campus.

Faculty have received pedagogical support as they develop learning-centered technological tools in the form of CD-ROMs, online forums, classroom presentations, and digital videos.

Technological support as they develop database tools, transform overhead transparencies to digital images, download administrative software documents, upload classroom documents to online format, and download course materials to network folders is also being made available.

Faculty have received administrative support as they apply for stipends and grants to develop technological learning tools.

Faculty members have shared their technological expertise with one another through workshops, roundtable discussions, and professional development sessions, as well the first annual Faculty Technology Showcase. The Showcase



Associate Professor and Director of Academic Computing, Linda Bruenjes.

provided faculty with the opportunity to observe firsthand how their peers are using computers to engage students in the learning process.

During the first half of the three-year Davis Educational Foundation grant period, faculty members from a number of disciplines — Psychology, Economics, Sociology, Education, English, Communications, Business, Accounting, Fashion Retail and Design, Hotel Travel Administration, Mathematics, Foreign Language, Science — took advantage of professional development opportunities that have been primarily focused on a number of teacher-centered technological tools. During the second half of this grant period, the focus will be on the development of student-centered teaching tools designed to further engage students in the learning process. ■

## Student Resident Assistants Receive Raves for Their Hard Work

**T**HIS YEAR THERE ARE 23 STUDENT Resident Assistants (RAs) on campus who form the backbone of resident hall living.

"Their job is to see that their resident hall is a healthy, happy and safe community, safe both physically and emotionally," explains Robin Smedick, assistant director of residential life/resident director. "RAs are the number one student resource on campus for other students."



RAs Nicole Imbriano, Victor Cipolla, Amanda Frenette, and Mary Smyth take a moment off during their summer training.

Students apply for the RA position in the spring, and are selected after a series of group and individual interviews. "We find that the students who apply want to make a difference on campus. They want to see positive changes happen," says Robin. "RAs must be strong academically because their job is time consuming, and they must balance their responsibilities with their studies. Not only are they involved daily with the students on their floor, but each semester the RAs must also plan eight community-based programs, which range from group study nights, to discussions on topics such as relationship violence."

This has been a particularly challenging year for the RAs and the residential staff because last August, when training began, almost everyone was new to Lasell. "Both Robin and I had just arrived," explains Heidi Gruss, who is assistant director of student activities/residential director. "Two of the three part-time residential directors were new, and it was the first time for all but five or six of the RAs. But this is an incredibly good-spirited bunch that have all gone above and beyond what their positions require."

RA Appreciation Day was held this February to recognize these hard-working students. ■

### TECH CAMP A SUCCESS

Lasell's 2002 *Winter Technology Camp* for faculty and staff, which was sponsored by the RoseMary B. Fuss Teaching and Learning Center, was a resounding success.

According to the program's instructor, Richard Dodd, "Feedback was positive and attendance was impressive."

Seven courses were offered, most of them on two different days. Some 40 people enrolled, 21 faculty and 19 staff. ■

### DORAN COMPUTER LAB DEDICATED



Standing by his portrait, Marjorie Westgate Doran '37 and President de Witt dedicate the Doran Computer Lab, on December 1, 2001, in honor of A. Benedict Doran.



## College Creates Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies

**I**N A MOVE TO FURTHER THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OLDER ADULTS THROUGH research, community partnerships, and teaching focused on aging, lifelong learning, and intergenerational programs, the College has announced the creation of the Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies (CRAIS).

"The Center will provide an extraordinary opportunity for our faculty, students, and Village residents to engage and collaborate in research programs of their own design, as well as those conducted by medical centers, visiting scholars, and accredited educational institutions other than Lasell College," explains Village Dean, Dr. Paula Panchuck.

The Center is designed to complement the educational program and mission of Lasell Village, sponsored and managed by Lasell College. The Center will also support the elder care and marketing concentrations of Lasell's recently announced master's degree program (see story pg. 1).

"A research center had first been proposed in the December 1990 Report of the Committee on Intergenerational Studies to the Board of Trustees, the first 'master plan' for Lasell Village," says Dr. Panchuck. "That plan proposed a Center for Intergenerational Studies (CIS), which would engage in research on age-appropriate activities, lifestyles, and proactive wellness programs to extend our limited knowledge about the elderly."

Additionally, a research center was a requirement of the 1991 Agreement for Judgement between Lasell College and the City of Newton. Specifically, "research programs involving the residents of Lasell Village shall be coordinated by a research center located on the Village's campus," Dean Panchuck explains.

"The purpose of the Lasell College Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies is to blend the focus on intergenerational studies of the 1990 CIS description with the proposed exploration of broader issues in aging in the 1991 Agreement."

Included among the new Center's objectives are:

- To convene regularly scheduled conferences, lectures, workshops and symposia on aging
- To disseminate timely information related to aging and an older population through its Web site, polling institute, and marketing advisory council
- To conduct and facilitate research studies initiated by Lasell College and Lasell Village faculty, staff, and students in both the undergraduate and graduate programs



Intergenerational experiences happen both inside and outside the classroom at Lasell.

- To support scholars and research groups from outside the Lasell College community who wish to conduct studies on the full continuum of elderly people, from healthy seniors living in the community to those living in long-term care facilities
- To promote collaborative research with other institutions
- To provide consultant services on topics related to aging, lifelong learning, and intergenerational programs

The Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies will be housed at Lasell Village under the supervision of the Center's Director, who will be responsible for developing programs that promote the Center's mission, including securing and managing grants from corporate, foundation, and government sources. ■

## A Conversation with Shawn Powers, Executive Chef of the Lasell Village Dining Room

**T**HERE IS AS MUCH SCIENCE AS THERE IS ART BEHIND ANY SUCCESSFUL DINING experience. The residents at Lasell Village are especially fortunate to have an executive chef of Shawn Powers' caliber, who is both a student of culinary science and craftsman of its art.

An intriguing concoction of humility, curiosity, talent, and creativity, Shawn Powers clearly relishes his post at Lasell Village. "Lasell Village is a wonderfully unique professional endeavor," says Powers. "Here, I have an enormous amount of creative freedom that affords my staff and me the opportunity to provide the Village residents a range of dining experiences."

A 1990 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA), Powers has spent the last 10 years in the food service industry, building his resume to achieve executive chef status. Hearing about an opportunity at Lasell Village through a friend, Powers readily accepted the newly created position in June of 2000, realizing his dream of becoming executive chef.

"I started washing pots at age 16, working my way up to steward at an assisted living facility," recalls Powers. "Coincidentally, 15 years later, I'm in it again." After an introduction to the food service business by a supportive mentor, Powers determined that he wanted to pursue a career as a chef. "My first boss in the food service business

made it fun for me. He started showing me little things in the kitchen, and I enjoyed it. I knew by my junior year that I wanted to be a chef, so I enrolled in the Culinary Institute of America." A native of Winchester, Massachusetts, Powers explored his options before deciding on CIA. "I applied to four other schools, but one of the cooks I worked with recommended CIA as one of the best programs for aspiring chefs."

In the rigorous two-year program, CIA students spend 22 months in the classroom, and four months in an internship. "There is a set curriculum at CIA, where you learn every aspect from the 'front of the house to the back,' in the parlance of a true restaurateur. The students are immersed in every aspect of food service management including wine and spirits, cost control, nutrition, and sanitation."

Following graduation, the first career step is often working for a major hotel. They serve as a hands-on training ground for many CIA graduates. "While the training and experience is great, the downside when you start in the hotel industry



Chef Shawn Powers working miracles at the stove.

is that you work long hours, all the holidays, and after a few years, most just burn out. But professionally, you learn to deal with an unimaginable number of service issues."

After a stint with a major hotel, Powers accepted a position with the then Plaza Dining Room at the Copley Hotel. "I started with salads and desserts, reporting to the Garde Manager, then I was promoted to poissonier — responsible for incorporating all the fresh seafood into the menu. At the Copley, we had lots of creative freedom. The boss encouraged staff input, and the specials reflected this input and energy."

For the past five years, Powers went on to hone his culinary talents, serving as a sous chef, the position responsible for carrying out the chef's vision, at the Sheraton ITT Property, and then at the Omni Parker House.

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# Class Notes

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In the interest of protecting the privacy of our alumni, it is the policy of the Alumni Affairs Office not to divulge alumni addresses, e-mail addresses or phone numbers unless it has been verified that the request is from another alumnus.

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Because of the possibility of unexpected changes, in general, we do not publish future events, but will be delighted to announce weddings and those events that have already taken place.

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## '23

**Florence Boehmcke Edmondson** is living in a retirement home on Hilton Head Island, SC.

## '25

**Katherine Kelley Gaul** writes, "The new plans for Lasell are exciting. The best of everything to Lasell."

## '27

75TH REUNION  
MAY 17-19, 2002

Upset that the last *Lasell Leaves* had no mention of the Class of 1927, **Elizabeth Selkirk Chipps** writes, "I'm in a retirement village with all the 'old people,' am as well as can be expected at 95, and keep busy."

## '29

**Marjorie Parrish Green** celebrated her 92nd birthday. She lives alone in a condo in Marysville, OH. She has "three wonderful children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren."

## '31

**Ruth Rohe Smith** says, "I missed getting to the Boston area the last two years. Hello to my classmates. I would love to hear from you. I cherish my memories of Lasell."

## '32

70TH REUNION  
MAY 17-19, 2002

## '33

From **Bette Andrews York**: "At 88 there is no exciting news, but my son and daughter-in-law celebrated my birthday with me."

"Greetings to the Class of '33. Am happy and well, appropriate to my age," writes **Amorette Larchar Skilton**.

"Now that my husband is in his 90's and I am in my late 80's, we are living with my daughter and son-in-law," writes **Jean Murphy Aneda**.

## '34

Turning 87 and still driving a car, **Marjorie Jones Joslyn** plays bridge, sings in her church choir, makes flower arrangements, and exercises. She has three children, seven grandchildren and two "great-grands," all living in other states, but visiting often.

## '35

**Denise Gile Arnold** writes, "I still have great memories of Lasell and the Class of '35. What a super group."

**Barbara Ordway Brewer** submitted the following poem entitled "To Maida on her Birthday" in memory of her friend Maida Cardwell Atwood.

Your hair was curly,  
My hair was not.  
We both wore knit snowsuits  
With matching hats.  
Yours had a white fur collar and muff,  
Mine did not.  
Your doll carriage was neat,  
Mine was — well higgley piggley.  
You came to my 3rd birthday party.  
My mother was pregnant,  
Your mother was not.  
I had a brother named David  
You had a "brother" named Bob  
and a sister named Dot.  
You had a cat named Dizzy/Dumbell  
I had a cat named Pajamas.  
Your father went to Heaven,  
My father worked at Lasell.  
He was big and you were scared of him.  
We both went to Williams School.  
We each had our private corner atop the billboards,  
Where we watched the trains go by.  
I don't know how we got up there.  
You moved to Great Neck,  
But you came back to Fern Street.  
We both went to Lasell.  
I slept on the crack between your bed and Anne's,  
When we took our caps and gowns.  
You edited the school magazine,  
I was on a crew and wrote the class prophesy.

**Katharine Peck Dietler** is looking forward to being back in Charlotte, NC. She writes, "Talk to Puff every so often. Play a little golf. Best to all."

## '36

Our sincere condolences to **Dorothy Paine Chaucer** on the death of her eldest son in March 2001. Dorothy spends much of her time with her two sons and friends.

## '37

65TH REUNION  
MAY 17-19, 2002

**Barbara Burnham Rice** writes, "I'm living up here in Indiana to be near my family. It is good to see them often."

From Locust Grove, VA, **Anne Campbell Terrill** reports, "My outdoor activities are slowing down. Hopefully, I will catch up on the inside jobs and letters." Anne is busy with gardening, her children and grandchildren and her Bible study group. "We have many extra prayers since the dreadful attacks on New York and D.C." She spends time in Florida during the winter months.

From Charlottesville, VA, **Virginia Wright Church** remembers Lasell Junior College. "I walked to the college and went home for lunch. It was the time of the depression. I still write to **Libby Wisdom**, who introduced me to my husband." Virginia continues, "I can't keep up with **Anne Campbell Terrill**, but I have traveled to most of the states. Virginia has one son, two grandchildren and paints wooden objects as a hobby."

## '38

**Arlene Wishart Sylvester**  
81 Woodland Road, Auburndale, MA 02466-2332

**Penny DeLaney Ogrinz** writes:

"We gave the coach to our wonderful son,  
Now Russ and family have traveling fun.  
We enjoyed RV'ing for 23 years,  
We gave it up with a few salty tears.  
Time flew by, but our memories are bright,  
We feel our lives have been played quite right.  
We're at home and feeling just fine,  
Feeding the birds and watching them dine."

**Dorothy Keyes** says hello to all in the Class of '38.

Our sincere condolences to **Betsy Bassett Wells** whose husband died last year, to **Harriet Newcomb Stoughton**, whose husband died in October, and to **Audrey Slawson Drake** on the death of her husband, Elliott.

## '39

**Jean Aljoe Buurman** and her husband Clarence have always been involved in community projects in Greenville, SC. Her friends at Meals on Wheels and the Greenville Literacy Association are glad to see her back after a battle with liver cancer.

**Jeanne Daniels Wheeler** and her husband are 82 and 83 years respectively. She still enjoys spending summers in Wells, ME, as she has done for over 40 years. Jeanne has two great-granddaughters.

**Jane Robinson Williams** moved to The Villages in Florida.

**Frances Shepard Pilkington** sold her home in Mansfield, MA, and moved to an assisted-living facility in the same town. She writes, "I enjoy playing bridge and taking group trips. I still spend six months in Sarasota, FL."

## '40

"I had a wonderful visit with my roommate, **Ruth Fulton Rardin**," writes **Elizabeth Carlisle Holmberg**. "We went to all the 150th events."

Our sincere wishes for good health to **Margaret Gibb Jackson** who has had some complications from knee replacements.

"Same old, same old," writes **Sybil Hartley Eshbach**, "but am enjoying the good life with family and friends."

**Helen Woodward Fassett** keeps busy as a volunteer at the Red Cross, her church, and at a convalescent home. She has a new great-granddaughter.

## '41

**Virginia DeNyse**  
77 Crosslands Drive, Kennett Square, PA 19348-2012

**Mary Elizabeth Allen Ryan** has this to say about their trip to South Africa: "We saw lots of animals. It was quite an experience."

We were sorry to hear that **Geraldine Bixby Averill's** husband, Charles, died in December 2001.

**Marion Fitts Sternkopf** enjoys traveling "whether by sea, plane, car or bus. Have covered a great many places in the world and have plans for the future."



To **Jacqueline Lander Schofield**, we were sorry to hear that her husband passed away in June 2001. Jacqueline still goes back and forth between Florida and the Cape. She plays golf, tennis and bridge, "Not like in the old days, but I'm still out there."

Our sincere condolences to **Virginia Whalen Petrie** on the death of her husband in February 2001.

## '42 60TH REUNION MAY 17-19, 2002

Our sincere condolences to **Jean Barnes-Butts** whose husband died suddenly last year.

**Doris Bracher Jenkins** is "trying to maintain some semblance of good health despite breathing troubles." She just had a second great-grandson and will try to get up north to see him after the winter.

**Jessie Dobson Salmon** spent last summer in Connecticut and the United Kingdom. She has three great-grandchildren and hopes to make it to her 60th reunion.

We were sorry to hear that **Doris Leach Almeida** and **Beatrice Lewis Potter** recently lost their husbands.

Still living in Lake Worth, FL, at a golf community, **Elaine Robins Albert** writes, "I am playing golf, bridge and enjoying my life here."

"Looking forward to renewing the wonderful friendships I made at Lasell at our 60th reunion," writes **Barbara Rockwell Carlstrand**.

"I am looking forward to my 60th reunion in May," writes **Noel Temple Manning**, "and hope to see old friends." Noel and her husband moved to a retirement community this past year.

**Jean Walters Goble** is looking forward to her 60th reunion in May and "can't believe the years have gone by so quickly." Jean is busy with church, bridge, children, grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

## '43

Our sincere condolences to **LaVerne Atno Olson** whose husband died in January 2001. LaVerne enjoys retirement. She quilts, paints, cross-stitches, and plays bridge and pinochle.

"After traveling our beautiful country for a few years," writes **Margaret Bosworth Logee**, "I am happy in our home in small-town Woodstock, CT." Margaret spends time with her six children, 15 grandchildren and three "great-grands."

**Frances Church Deering** will celebrate her 80th birthday in 2002. She says, "I walk two miles every day and play bridge. I had to give up tennis because of my arthritis. My youngest grandson was married in September 2001."

Writes **Virginia Collins Canavan**, "I was on a cruise to Alaska when I heard of the terrible news of the planes flying into the World Trade Center."

**Priscilla Spence Hall** keeps busy with singing and art, "and my sheltie dog keeps me happy."

**Jane Timm Engle** is looking forward to her granddaughter's wedding.

## '44

**Jean Campbell**  
84 Laurel Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Our sincere condolences to **Jacqueline Campbell Lumbard** on the death of her husband.

**Eleanor Laing Greenhalgh-Kilty** feels fortunate to live in Chatham, MA, and still work for the town's building department. She takes care of her husband during her non-working hours.

"I've been a docent at the Worcester Art Museum (MA) for many years. I'd love to hear from anyone interested in a tour," writes **Elfreda Reck Dubin**. Elfreda loves gardening and swims several times a week. She wonders, "Where have the years gone?"

We were sorry to hear that **Ann Scott Peal's** husband died in February 2002.

## '45

**Jane Calderwood Price** moved from Savannah, GA, to Amelia Island Plantation, FL, and "loves it."

**Marjorie Olson Bjork** writes, "May peace be with us all."

Our sincere condolences to **Doris Winkemeier Dieffenbach** on the death of her husband in July. Doris writes, "I will stay in upstate New York as my daughter and her family live across the road. Hi to everybody."

## '46

**Lynn Blodgett Williamson**  
60 Ledgeclawn Avenue, Lexington, MA 02420-3449

**Raemary Chase Duryea** plays a lot of golf and loves to travel.

Our condolences to **Mildred Day Clements** whose aunt, **Dorothy Day Funk '33**, died in October 2000. Mildred writes, "I am busy working and visiting nearby grandchildren. Hope all is well with my classmates."

**Jean Watson Wetrich** has two great-granddaughters.

## '47 55TH REUNION MAY 17-19, 2002

After years of recording her thoughts about her adventures in the remote northern Maine woods, **Betty Carter Steele** compiled them in a self-published book. On becoming a published writer, Betty says, "A little luck has to come into the picture. You just write. You have to love the creative process. Otherwise, don't bother."

**Millicent Entwistle Crawford** is retired and enjoying life on the coast of Maine. She says, "I have many happy memories of my two years at Lasell." Millicent has two grandchildren.

The last issue of *Leaves* incorrectly reported **Mary-Ida Hanson Olson** traveling to Ireland. Instead, she was in Iceland. Since then she has been to Peru. She writes, "I never thought I'd be climbing in the Andes. I have also been lucky to visit Cuba. A great experience."

Our sincere condolences to **Barbara Stickle Mode** on the death of her husband, Philip, in December.

**Priscilla Stone Hird** continues to be in good health and enjoys winters in Florida and summers on Lake Winnepesaukee, NH.

**Nancy Stupak Parker** is enjoying life in a retirement community in Brunswick, ME. She hopes one of her six grandchildren will attend Lasell.

Says **Phyllis Sykes Brown**, "Four children, 12 grandchildren, and a cancer survivor. Life couldn't be better."

**Frances Oden Werly** is happy she moved to Maine and "can still chase 2-year-old twins and their 4-year-old brother."

**Jane Upton Patten** is retired, has a lung problem, but is in no pain. Her outlook: "My husband and I are happy to be together. Life is beautiful. Love, family and friends make it that way. I think of Lasell often. Our daughter, **Sandra Perkins Jones '65** attended Lasell and loved it."

## '48

**Elaine Burrell King's** granddaughter, **Amber King**, is a sophomore at Lasell. Elaine says, "Amber is most enthusiastic about Lasell, her classes and activities."

**Martha Kennedy Ingersoll** had a good year and has many fond memories of Lasell. She says, "I would love to hear from any Ohio alumnae."

**Ann Myers Beck** is enjoying her new condo. "Having one floor is great after having three!"

Still enjoying New Hampshire life in the foothills of the White Mountains is **June Smith Noreen**.

## '49

**Nancy Lawson Donahue**  
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September 2001 Cruisemates (L to R): **Jean DiGiorgio Buchanan '62** and **Nancy Curtis Grellier '49**.

"At age 72, I finally have my first grandchild. He's gorgeous," writes **Priscilla Aldrich Randell**.

**Corinne Capone McGuiggan** was heading to Florida in February and expecting to see **Libby Harrington Logan** and **Josephine Hickey Sanborn** in Clearwater.

**Nancy Curtis Grellier** met up with alums all during the year 2001. "The big event, the 150th birthday, was such fun. So many alums from far and wide. It was nice to see them all. I made a short but terrific visit to my roommate, **Evelyn Frye White**. In May **Helen Hamilton Croot** and her husband joined us for a reminiscing dinner. In the summer I discovered that **Sheila Cronin Sullivan** was the class of 1957. And **Barbara Potier Grey** and I had our annual lunch on Nantucket." In summary Nancy says, "It was just super seeing and meeting all these folks."

**Martha Hurd Davenport** was looking forward to seeing all nine grandchildren over the holidays.

"My roommate, **Norma Pickett Wise**, came out for two weeks and as usual we had a great time," writes **Vicky Stone Leary**. Vicky has two great-grandsons.

"Congratulations to Lasell and all the great accomplishments. I'm very proud of this grand college," writes **Jane Wadhams Hazen**.

**Jacqueline Word Stallings** runs a Christian retreat center in North Carolina's sailing capital.

## '50

**Anita Angelus Koulopoulos** and **Jacqueline Paulding Hauser** co-chaired a successful "Books in Bloom" flower show at the Sudbury, MA public library.

**Sally Hughes Fasick** enjoyed a fun reunion on the Cape this past summer with **Dorothy Goehring Rourke** and **June Handleman Gilmartin**.

**Betty Jean Jones Bolton** continues to work several days a week at a museum in Wilmington, DE.

"This has been a difficult year without Frank," writes **Elizabeth Kerrivan Davidson**, "but family and friends are all loving." For Elizabeth, "a trip to the campus is a dream, soon to make come true."

**Marguerite Nahigian Sarkisian** enjoyed an Alaskan cruise with all the amenities including "magnificent glaciers, snow-capped mountains, totem poles, eagles, whales and sea lions."

Our sincere condolences to **Jean Ostrander Lowman** on the loss of her mother. Jean retired from doing medical transcriptions. She writes, "Otherwise enjoying our friends, four grandchildren, and the Florida weather with my good-looking husband."

Our sincere condolences to **Jacqueline Paulding Hauser** on the loss of her husband, George, in November.

**Joan Robilotto Gibson** took two cruises — one from Singapore to Venice, the other from Copenhagen to Rome.

**Barbara Schnelle Orton** is busy with her local Lions Club. Her grandchildren range in age from 4 years to 22 years.

In good health, **Astrid Selander Fowler** still coordinates the Friendly Visitor Program for the elderly. Astrid and her husband spent a "delightful day" with **Lois Schaller Toegemann** and spouse.

"Lasell news constantly amazes me. I 'itch' to visit and see the changes and hope to do so in 2002," writes **Carolyn Snook Rauscher**. Carolyn says that **Jackie Paulding Hauser**, who represents their class, does her job well. Carolyn lunched with **Mary Claire Dodge Davis** and visited her sister **Barbara Snook Haggerty's '48** roommate, **Mary Detwiler Eicker '48**.

## '51

**Kathleen Ballard Heck** writes, "Lasell did a great job with our 50th reunion. My only wish was that more of our class had come. We sure did miss them. Even my husband enjoyed himself."

**Dorothy Delasco Sines** celebrated her 50th anniversary with a trip to Europe on the Orient Express and a party with her four children and six grandchildren.

We were sorry to hear that **Charles Kearney** died in December 2001. He was **Joan Kearney Cormay's** brother and **Edith Taccone Kearney's** husband.

**Charlotte Kelley Campbell** went on a choir trip to France this past summer, seeing Paris, Normandy and the Riviera. She has nine grandchildren.

"I keep in touch with **Mary Jane White Miller**," writes **Cynthia Leibert Lay**. "I would love to hear from other classmates, especially **Ro Wiles** and **Pat Voss**. Where are you?"

**Beverly Pink Reynolds** writes, "It was a great reunion thanks to many of you and to Lasell. We also had a great time at **Joan Kearney Cormay's** pool party. The coldish weather did not inhibit our gay mood."

Enjoying her busy life in Arizona, **Elaine Quavillon Tull** writes, "There is so much to see in this part of the





Sallyann Bartlett Abel married Norman Bassett in August 2001. In attendance: (L to R) Joyce Weitzel Flanagan '51, Virginia Bowers Noyes '48, Sallyann Bartlett Abel-Bassett '51, Alice Pittenger '51.

country. It is a bit of a culture shock after living in New England for so many years. If you're in the area, please come visit." About reunion she says, "Wonderful and the class did us proud!"

Peggyanne Riker Miller writes, "I was so sorry to have missed our 50th reunion. I was traveling in the Middle East. It was an incredible trip and a dream come true."

"Certainly enjoyed the 50th reunion," writes Mary Jane White Miller. "I've just had a hip replacement so I'll be ready for our 55th."

This has not been a good year for Janet Woodward Powers. She and her daughter are dealing with cancer. She writes, "Enjoy everyday, gals!"

Janet Wyman Meade says, "Our 50th reunion was great. Since then I've been recovering from an operation. My best to all."

## '52 50TH REUNION MAY 17-19, 2002

"Decided to retire in November after a successful battle against cancer," writes Jean Aslaksen Podimsky. "I am enjoying more time with friends and family. I realize I like playing more than working."

Bernardine Gill Smith writes, "God bless your new year and America too!"

Virginia Snedaker Marschall was looking forward to visiting her husband's relatives in Switzerland and spending time in Germany where she lived for 12 years.

Eleanor Sommer O'Keefe retired in 1995 after working 43 years behind the scenes in television — 20 years at WBZ-TV (channel 4 Boston) and 23 years at WCVB-TV (channel 5 Boston). She writes, "They were interesting and fun-filled years. My Lasell education served me well." Eleanor is enjoying her leisure time, traveling extensively and keeping up with family and friends. "My best wishes to all my classmates, especially those from Belmont, MA, and to all the dayhops who made that daily trip to Auburndale for classes and lunch breaks at the Barn. I hardly recognize the campus as it is now, but 50 years have passed. I can't believe it!"

Muriel Webb Moyer is looking forward to a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

## '53



Three "Lasell Girls" at Drake Island, Wells Beach, Maine. (L to R) Roslyn Rowell Levesque '52, Mary Lou Burke Alexander '53, Peg Thompson Wheatley '52.

From Alaska, Dot Day Bardarson writes that she operates her art gallery and markets her watercolor prints to other galleries. Married for 47 years, she has six grandchildren and four greats.

Kathryn Dolan continues to volunteer at the New Hampshire State Prison for Women.

The events of September 11th turned Mary Ann Donahue's New York City broadcast station (WNET/Thirteen) upside down. "We pulled regular programs, produced live events, hosted Red Cross emergency phone volunteers, offered outreach resources. And while it's quieter now, things still change every day."

"Another enjoyable summer in Maine," writes Elsie Knaus Klemt, "with the added treat of a reunion in the Adirondacks in August with roommate Sylvia Pfeiffer Nessler and her family."

Helen Pearlstein Golden keeps in touch with her room-

mate, Myrna Pasternak Kahan, who lives just a few miles away, and with Marie Kaden. Helen says, "I have six grandkids who keep me busy."

Virginia Wilder Melitz writes, "I was born in New York City. God bless America." Now living in Westlake Village, CA, she says, "We are glad we live here and will probably not move until we have to."

## '54

Hope Duguid Dauwalter enjoys traveling, volunteering and visiting with friends. She traveled to Switzerland to see her son, and her daughter got married in June 2001.

Thelma Greenberg Florin says, "I have five delicious grandchildren, and the best thing is they live 10 minutes away."

Marilyn Hardacre Sell has a new grandchild.

Faith Harvey Fisler is busy with volunteer work and her five grandchildren.

"No changes this past year," writes Priscilla Head Davis, "and my grandchildren are growing up much too fast." Priscilla is spending some time in Florida this winter and planning a trip to the southwest. She loves living on the Cape.

"Life is busy with nine grandchildren, three homes, golf, and travel," writes Carole Mattucci Wall. "Would love to hear from old friends!"

Our sincere condolences to Virginia Michelini Parks on the death of her father in October. Virginia's husband is improving from several strokes. They have lots of support from family.

Frances Mitchell Sherman "has had a busy year." She attended a quilting show in Kentucky, visited the Oklahoma memorial, and is now working on World Trade Center memorial quilts.

Lorraine Nelson Stevens is still living in Arlington, MA. Her youngest son was married in October. Lorraine has one 2-year-old grandson who is "a real keeper."

Shirley Read Lupien is retired, has six grandchildren, and loves cruising. Her last cruise was from Copenhagen to Boston.

Judith Stone Grabar had a wonderful trip to Alaska. Nancy Swanson Horsfield keeps busy with church, community activities, and her 12 grandchildren.

Our sincere condolences to Mary Patricia Wilson Kane whose husband died in October.

## '55

Our sincere condolences to Ruth-Alison Bastis on the death of her husband in September.

Mary Lee Gowdy Belcourt is enjoying retirement in Florida. As a volunteer, she teaches line dancing to seniors.

Ethel Griffin Browning retired from her bed & breakfast. She enjoys New Hampshire in the summer and Florida in the winter.

Charleen Herrling Smith and her husband vis-

ited Barbara Hammett Elkinton in New Hampshire. Barbara and her husband planned a return visit with them in New Zealand. Barbara writes, "Roommates and friends forever."

Lucille Marden Randall has four great-grandchildren. She enjoys her church choir and other church activities.

From West Palm Beach, FL, Valerie Montanez Barto writes, "I would love to hear from anyone coming my way." Valerie is busy taking care of her husband.

## '56

Martha Forristall Smith lives on Lake Sunapee, NH, and spends four months on Sanibel Island, FL. She just became the grandmother of twins and now has 8 grandchildren. "I feel very blessed."

Writes Katherine Mayo McAllister, "On September 11th I was packing my bags to leave for my nephew's wedding in Switzerland. Wasn't able to make it to the wedding."

Ann Pasquale Kibort enjoys traveling and keeping in touch with her five grandchildren.

"I was pleased to be a part of the art show for the 150th celebration," writes Carol Phalen Swiggett, and enjoyed seeing Peggy Schwingel Kraft and other classmates. Carol was thrilled to watch her granddaughter and Betsy Belsterling Jordan's granddaughter hold hands while singing in a church choir.

Writes Penny Rafkin Blake, "Had a fabulous time at our 45th reunion. It was wonderful seeing old classmates and renewing old friendships. Looking forward to our 50th!"

"I changed careers from retailing (my major at Lasell) to real estate," writes Nanci Sullivan Hancock, "and have enjoyed it for the last 25 years." Nanci is a Sr. V.P. at a Boston firm.

Suzanne Wadsworth Jonas writes, "We had a wonderful visit with my classmate, Alicia Albright Leach, and her husband in the Pennsylvania Amish country. It was fun getting together again. Lasell friendships are forever."

Janet Whitney Buck retired three years ago. She writes, "My husband and I travel extensively in our R.V. We have really seen this country, and it is wonderful. We have two grandchildren in the midwest, so we go there often."

## '57 45TH REUNION MAY 17-19, 2002

From Rochester, NH, Ann Bidwell Sanborn writes, "Had a great year. Busy with golf. Can't wait to get warm and back to Naples, FL."

Cynthia Clark Rose-Frazee divides her time between Florida (seven months) and New York (five months). She writes, "Added a golden retriever to our family. He keeps me busy."

Eileen Conradi Lynch retired in January 2001, is looking for volunteer work, and is feeling better now that she has finished six months of chemo. She traveled to Alaska and is planning a trip to Provence, France.

Lynn Johnson McCabe retired from teaching and owns a travel agency in Maryland.

Writes Ramona Kean Lane, "Our four children have produced nine beautiful grandchildren."

"Sorry I won't be with you at reunion," writes Elizabeth Liebewein Snyder, "but we'll be cruising the Panama Canal and other Caribbean ports. Have fun. I'll be thinking of you." Elizabeth still enjoys winters in Florida and summers in Maine.



Lucinda Nolin Johnson '55/'77 hosts classmates at a luncheon in her home on Cape Cod in September 2001. (Standing from L to R): Genevieve Harold, Barbara Travis Hendrick, Sally Spicer Frazier and Lucinda. (Seated from L to R): Suzanne Clark Johnson, Linda Nolin Ahern, Marion Nutter.



Joan Pethybridge Thompson has lunch with Carolyn Killam Moller several times a year, emails Mildred Berg Cunningham, and is on the golf course as often as possible. Joan says, "I hope to see Betty Apgar Lott, Sandra Bristol Walters, and the rest of our classmates at our 45th in May."

Lori Rounseville Sanford enjoys her three grandchildren, her bichon frise and her new jeep. She writes, "Love to Class of '57. Where are you, Debbie Odgers Ruch?"

Evelyn Sanders Brewster is enjoying retirement, four grandchildren and traveling. She writes, "Marcia Jones Leighton and I occasionally meet for gab fests."

Ada Whitmore Suydam took a cruise around Cape Horn.

## '58

Marilyn Barette Roberts would love to hear from anyone who is in the Naples, FL area.

In January 2001, Harriet Beard Ackerman graduated with a B.A. in liberal arts from Roosevelt University in Illinois.

"Doing really great, love being retired and having grandchildren nearby," writes Beverly Bearse Sowerby. She spends several months in Fort Myers Beach. Beverly's heart transplant is 11 years old.

Bonnie Beckwith Morrison is still teaching pre-school. She enjoys traveling, 10 grandchildren, her summer home, and visits with roommate Beverly Bearse Sowerby and Jane Pethybridge Ralston.

Jeanne Bradner Morgan gets together with Gail Seibert Glover, Judith Feldt Oswald, and Gail Winalski Burd in Florida each winter. "Any other '58ers near Naples or Deerfield Beach?"

Mary Ann Fuller Young's visit with Ann Reeves Burton was "just like being back in Clark House."

Patricia Graff Willoughby spent a month in Norway this past summer. She retired from a consulting job after two years and is looking for the next opportunity.

Jane Gregson Moloney is retired from John Hancock "and loving it." Her extended family includes nine children and 12 grandchildren. She says, "Lots of places to go and people to see. Thank goodness for family."

Kirsten Harvey Brownell is well and enjoying retirement and five granddaughters. She had a great reunion with classmate Kathleen Barstow McLaurin in Ohio.

Francine Klein Madison is president of the Interfaith Community of Schenectady, NY.

Carolyn Reid Towne's big news is the birth of her first grandchild. She says, "What a gift and blessing."

Helene Schwartz Perry is retired, doing educational consulting, and has five grandchildren. Regarding her visit with Gertrude Talberth Moshkovitz, she says, "Great visit. Lots of fun."

"I retired from my shop and enjoy coming and going as I please," writes Jacquelyn Smith Johnson. "I am moving and packing 33 years of stuff. Hope all of you are well."

Sandra Wilson Joyce is still working as owner/designer of her own flower shop. She just finished a term as state president of Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (with membership over 13,000). She boasts, "I finally became a nana."

## '59

Linda Bailey Bolton is the pastor of a church in New Hampshire. Her youngest son, a minister, is running an orphanage in Romania.

"I'm single again, living in my old farmhouse, working full-time in Portsmouth, NH for the president of an international manufacturing company," writes Nancy Cunningham Kelly. Nancy's interests are ballroom dancing, golf, and biking. She has two bachelor sons.

Diane DuBois Manzoli is an instructor of children's ballet, rhythm, and movement at the Franklin School for the Performing Arts in Franklin, MA.

## '60

Barbara Bogert Wahlberg became a "nana" when her daughter, Susan Wahlberg Morch '88 became a mom. "Enjoying life. All is well."

"Life continues to be good. I am still working at the New Jersey Psychological Association. All three daughters are married and have blessed us with three grandchildren so far," writes Lynn Flusser Tull.

Phyllis Gordon Heckt is enjoying retirement, travel, and her grandchildren.

Barbara Jacoby Adelstein is still substitute teaching (20 years) and enjoying it. She is awaiting the birth of her first grandchild.

Linda Ostrom Goodwin retired from teaching preschool and is planning a cruise on the Panama Canal. She is a volunteer with the Big Brother/Big Sister organization. She writes, "My only child, a son, lives in Charleston, SC. A fun place to visit."

Our sincere condolences to Anne Sutherland Rollins on the death of her mother in August 2001.

The Class of '60 (Converse and Karandon) had a mini-reunion at Joan White Martin's Bed & Breakfast near Watkins Glen, NY, on October 5-8, 2001. Joan writes, "Lots of fun, food, and laughter. Enjoyed Finger Lakes wine on the Seneca Lake wine trail."

Ronna Zucker Uhrman is still teaching pre-school. She has four boys, two girls, and is expecting her seventh grandchild. "They're the best."

## '61

For the past 10 years, Sally Cabral Crowe has been an ESL teacher at an elementary school in Jonesboro, GA. She says, "It is an interesting job because my students speak many different languages." Sally would like to meet other Lasell alums who live in the Atlanta area.

"2001 was a busy year of travel to Arizona, Florida, Ireland, and a riverboat cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest with three extra days in Prague," writes Barbara Davis Delano. She is enjoying retirement and two grandsons.

We were so sorry to hear that Eleanor Laney Afflitto's son, Daniel, lost his life in the tragic September 11th terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Daniel was on the 104th floor and was Director of Equity Trading for Cantor Fitzgerald.

Still enjoying retirement is Donna Skillings Kessler who spends two months in Bonita Springs, FL, in the winter. Donna is busy with golf, community activities, and six grandchildren. She says their Pickard House get-togethers a few times a year include Charlotte Siders Morgan, Lynda Downes Brown, Nancy Kinghorn Batayte, Barbara Carberry Haddad, Carolyn Bird Murray and Sharon Handley House.

Nan Sparks Hunter says her six children and eight grandchildren are doing well.

## '62 40TH REUNION MAY 17-19, 2002

Ann Abbott Bowler became a grandmother for the first time with the birth of her granddaughter.

Writes Linda Bald Lathrop, "Hi all. Retirement is great. Doing lots of traveling — St. Thomas, Aruba, and our yearly visit to Wells, ME. And we have a new grandson." Linda visited with Jean DiGiorgio Buchanan and family.

In March Patricia Gath Moessinger moved to Tennessee.

Robin MacCloskey McInnis announces the birth of her daughter's second child.

Marcia Madden Heist continues as chair of the Brookline School Committee. She loves boating on Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, in the summer. To Betsey, Tracy, Elaine and Lynda, she writes, "I think of you and our Lasell buddies often."

Dee Orben Campbell took a 2-week trip to Hawaii with her children and a cruise through the Panama Canal. She will celebrate her 60th birthday this year. Dee still works in her Mary Kay business.

## '63

Jeanne Chase Peckham's five grandchildren span three states: Massachusetts, Michigan, and Virginia.

After retiring from the Duxbury, MA, school system,

Bette Cole Greene and her husband traveled through Florida to Texas for three months in their motor home. Bette is looking forward to the birth of grandchild number five.

Sarah Hirst-Pitts was re-elected treasurer of the Humane Association of Wilson County, TN. She writes, "I spend my time at the animal shelter, on the golf course, or with my hobby of button collecting."

JoAnn Jacobson still works full-time. She bikes, swims, and is active in her local church and United Nations group.

Lenore Silvestro Stein writes, "I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of my dear friend, Carolyn Doucette Lombard, after a valiant struggle with cancer. She will be missed by all who knew her."

"It is my 30th year of teaching," Linda Welt Horowitz writes. "I enjoy being with my 2-year-old granddaughter and going to our condo in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, several times a year."

## '64

Judith Adelson Wein still keeps in touch with roommate, Felice Goldman Resko. Judith loves living in Florida. She has a married daughter and a son who is engaged.

Marion Bishop Kersh writes, "Thank you, Lasell for the beginnings of my interior design education. My career



Mini-Nursing Reunion in September 2001. Some graduates of the three-year Nursing Program got together with two of their instructors to reminisce about their time at Lasell and the impact their education had on their professional and personal lives. Standing (L to R): Joan Snipes Bigelow, Marsha Graziano Ballantyne, Susan Miller-Havens, Deborah Werner Forbes, Elizabeth Daigneau Marshall, Deirdre Hanley McGrath, Patricia Haggerty Fowler Seated: Instructor Judy Barden and Director Constance Milner.

has opened several unique doors. I continue to get new clients." Marion is a member of Rotary International and writes for the newsletter and is a member of the Arizona North A.S.I.D. Chapter and writes for their publication.

Felice Goldman Resko had this to say about her visit with "roomie" Judith Adelson Wein: "Had a good time reminiscing about our college days."



Having some fun at the mini-Nursing Reunion are Susan Miller-Havens (with nurse's cap) and Deirdre Hanley McGrath.

"There's nothing like old roommates getting together," says Jane Leonard Wilcox about her visit with Susan Shaw Long. "We renewed memories and had a ball." Jane's son, Andy, is a Lasell campus police officer.

Congratulations to Susan Miller-Havens who was one of the local artists featured on *Chronicle* for her portraits of Red Sox players.



"Miss my Lasell days and friends. What great times we had," writes **Kay Oppenheim Loomstein**. Specifically, Kay recalls the walk up to the castle for a religions class. Kay says her three granddaughters are the best.

During her vacation to Hawaii with a stop in San Francisco, **Linda Parmenter Goulding** saw **Carol Colegrove Walker**.

**Patricia Perry Polidor** continues to be busy with traveling and her travel business.

As of January 2002, **Janet Ramsbotham Blake** is executive assistant to the President of the College of Lifelong Learning, the adult college of the University of New Hampshire.

"We became proud grandparents to a grandson," writes **Andrea Siegal Cohen**. "What fun!"

**Darlene Smith Riemer** started her own architectural firm in Dutchess County, NY. She recently became a grandmother.

## '65

**Sheryl Chapman Kammer's** youngest daughter, Tara, is applying to Lasell.

**Kathleen Goulder Plante** assumed the position of registrar at the University of New Orleans after almost 14 years with Louisiana State University. She says, "There's always something going on. It's an active city." Kathleen says of her granddaughter, "she makes me feel young."

After 12 years as a staff nurse at Beverly Hospital, **Sara-Jane Hayes Kiesling** now coordinates the BLS/CPR program and the orientation program for new staff. With a specialty in oncology, Sara-Jane also teaches chemotherapy administration to some of the nurses.

Writes **Eleanor Lamson Brewster**, "Was due to go to England two days after September 11th. Instead saw some of our fine country — Savannah and Hilton Head." Eleanor also saw **Joan Ray McClure '63** for the first time in 30 years. "It was great fun."

After 34 years, **Marcia Lundgren Johns** retired as a flight attendant with TWA. Marcia enjoys southern California vacations and Lake Tahoe for skiing.

Assistant City Manager **Beverlee Pembroke Hill** is the winner of the prestigious Municipal Person of the Year Award for 2001, an award that recognizes outstanding service, an active commitment to local government, and service to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Beverlee hails from Montpelier, VT.

Recently honored by the Connecticut Town Clerks Association and named Town Clerk of the Year is **Catherine Sanford Nurmi**. Catherine talks to **Eleanor Staniland Stofan** who lives in Grand Rapids, MI.

**Margo Yonker MacKenzie** writes, "I have taken a leave of absence from my teaching job and am enjoying some free time. I walk once a week with **Jane Pearson Varley '64**, whom I didn't know while I was at Lasell, but met while we were teaching at the same school in Florida. I am a breast cancer survivor."

## '66

**Colette Cavanaugh Clark** just completed chemotherapy for breast cancer. She writes, "I plan to be at the next Lasell reunion and lots after that. A breast self-exam can save your life."

"Happily married for 30 plus years with two grown children," writes **Elinore Lowe Kinczel**. "I direct and teach preschool in Oakland, CA." Elinore would love to hear from anyone who lived in Ordway, 1965-1966.

**Eleanor Mackinnon Speh's** new job is Director of Volunteers, Membership and the Community Connections Program for Arc (helping people with developmental disabilities). When Ellie's daughter got married in June, her "Lasell little sister" **Bonnie Kamerdiner Marsano '67** attended.

Enjoying semi-retirement is **Arlene Paratore Hrabovecky**. She has a commercial real estate position with Caldwell Banker while finding time to travel and play golf.

If you are visiting the Hearst Castle, come see me in nearby Cambria, CA, writes **Lynn Stern Taylor**. Lynn has two grandsons.

**Carolyn White Amdurer** is still teaching and just became a grandmother.

## '67

35TH REUNION  
MAY 17-19, 2002

**Heather Hines Peterson's** son got married and lives in Texas near her nursing classmate, **Aimee Gutmann Gage**.

## '68

"Through my watercolors, I choose to remind people of their inner joy, which can be lost amidst the anxiety of day-to-day living," writes **Lisa Altshuler Freidus**.

**Martha Borawski** is the owner of a travel agency in western Massachusetts.

New Hampshire Governor Shaheen appointed **Helen Carey Cohen** to the Emergency Shelter and Homeless Commission. Helen organized an ongoing group to provide and serve monthly meals to 100 people at local shelters. She is an active member of the NH Coalition to End Homelessness. Helen won an award for flower arranging from the York Harbor, ME, Garden Club.

With 20 years of nursing and 11 years of real estate behind her, **Roberta Munce Nelson** is starting her own real estate company in Lynnfield, MA.

**JoAnn Shattuck Wilson** has been enjoying the Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, area for the past 10 years. She left engineering and is doing volunteer work and loving it.

**Ruthanne Woods Thibodeau** would love to hear from Dale, Mary, Kathy or Janet.

## '69

**Nancy Alterman Walker** asks, "Where is Sherry Wolf and Nancy Wells?"

"I continue to enjoy life in upstate New York," writes **Deborah Lewis Vanderzell**. "I think of my Lasell friends often." Debbie has two sons.

**Linda Lione Brown** saw **Wendy Sachs Goodfriend** at her son's wedding in June 1999. Linda writes, "Would love to get a group going in Atlanta again."

**Sharon Murphy** would love to hear from **Linda Citro Genovese**, **Kathleen Anders** and **Karla Englund Thompson**.

**Nancy Rosenthal Klein** is still working as a permanent substitute teacher as well as a real estate associate. She has two daughters.

"I moved to the Portland, OR area and have reconnected with my Carpenter Hall roommate, **Gay Anderson Molise**, who also recently relocated," writes **Jonatha Tarbox Paetzhold**. "Thirty-three years have melted away!"

## '70

**Paula Finnegan Dickinson** is President of Granite State Reading/IRA and third V.P.-elect to the New England Association. Paula says, "Hi to all Karandon Cuties."

**Deborah Kimerling Schneider** has a son in college and two in high school.

## '71

Our heartfelt condolences to **Martha Garshman Spector** on the death of her husband **Jerome A. (Jerry) Spector** in March 2002.

The year 2001 was a year of big events for **Mary Hobler Hyson**. "It was my 30th at Lasell, my 30th wedding anniversary, my youngest was off to college and my oldest was married. Phew!"

"I'll be completing my 30th year with American Airlines as a flight attendant," writes **Johanna Nahatis Kadra**. "On many of my flights I'm delighted to see former Lasell classmates." Johanna's twin, **Christina Nahatis Barrett**, continues to enjoy teaching kindergarten in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. Johanna and Christina are also both involved with their dad's company, "Saladmaster."

## '72

30TH REUNION  
MAY 17-19, 2002

## '73

**Betsy Abrahamson Solomon** has been living in the Maryland area since 1983. She has two children. She writes, "I would love to hear from classmates."

**Victoria Cole Staples** works for the Surgical Services Department of Emerson Hospital (MA).

After working as a middle school teacher for years, **Holly Gove Porterfield** is now a writer. Her first book, "Think Twice, Twice" (a murder mystery) will be released in late May. Holly has a son.

Married with three grown children, **Nancy McKeagney Votto** works as a diabetes educator at Yale University. She writes, "I would love to hear from classmates."

## '74

**Susan Curry Soucy** has been working as an elementary school secretary for the past 10 years. She has three children.



Some members of the class of '74 got together for "Chick Weekend 2001" in Charleston, SC: **Beth Ballard**, **Suzy Shaw Allen**, **Pat Raposa Reineke**, **Debi Bradley Severance**, **Jill Mills Cozens**, **Susan Curry Soucy** and **Jill Greenleaf Kells-Murphy**.

**Barbara Hirschfield Henry**, First Selectman in Roxbury, MA, won the endorsement of both political parties for another term as selectman. According to a local newspaper, "It is an honor which also allows her to concentrate on town business without the distraction of running a campaign."

## '75

In January **Marianne Moran Conkey** began her new career as a first-grade teacher. She lives outside of Chicago with her husband and two teenage children. Marianne says hi to Amy, Sarah, and Francie.

"I am still happily single," writes **Donna Shalhoub**, "but dating a wonderful man. Working as a men's clothing specialist for Giorgio Armani at Saks Fifth Avenue. Life is good."

**Lynda Sweeney Hunt** is pursuing a B.S. in psychology at Franklin Pierce College. She remarried in March 2000. Linda has three children and two stepchildren.

Our sincere condolences to **Amy Tichnor** on the death of her father.

## '76

From San Anselmo, CA, **Eileen Collette Cheplick** writes, "With my first son off to college, I may find myself back east more often." Eileen has four sons.



Jennifer Hughes Bardsley lives in Hingham, MA, with her husband and two children. She has been running an interior design business for the past 15 years.

Nancy Onanian Garrett writes, "I'm alive and well, living in the Berkshires, married with a 5-year-old son."

## '77 25TH REUNION MAY 17-19, 2002

Lynne Pantaleo-Congdon is "looking forward to seeing old friends/housemates from McClelland and Gardner House at the 25th reunion. Mark your calendar and plan to come!"

## '79

Kathryn Wall has been named Town Clerk in Berlin, CT. She is the second woman in town history to hold this position.

## '82 20TH REUNION MAY 17-19, 2002

Sarah Caizzi Klein accepted the position of Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation in Bistol, RI. She will be involved with the community center, the summer program, scheduling trips and developing a monthly calendar of activities. Prior to this Sarah was the co-owner of a restaurant in Warren, RI.

## '83

Also excited about Linda Humphrey-Walsh's new daughter are Linda's two sons and her sister, Karen Humphrey Johnson '95.

## '84

Diane Perry Kelly has been appointed Administrative Director of Quality Management for the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, MA.

## '85

"My nursing foundation at Lasell has served me well," writes Dawne Burnham Mortenson. Dawne sends special greetings to Cathy, Janet, and Debby.

Catherine Hall Ferrara says, "I enjoy working per diem and being a stay-at-home mother of three. Hi to Honor, Cathleen H., Dawn, Pam, and everyone in the Class of 1985."

"Hello to my fellow nursing buddies. Hope all is well," writes Clair McCarthy Dalton. "Life is busy with Eric, 3, Tim, 2, and our new baby in January."

## '87 15TH REUNION MAY 17-19, 2002

## '88

Laura French McKenna is living in Bellingham, MA, and looking to buy a house in Rhode Island.

In December Amy Kiss Woodward wrote, "Congratulations to Wendy Gromko for finding her 'prince charming' and happy holidays."

## '91

Stacey Blauth was promoted to Captain in the Salvation Army. She completed her Masters Degree in Addiction and Recovery Counseling at Montclair State College in New Jersey.

Jennifer Brosnan Squires invites everyone to please come visit her deli in Derry, NH.

Merideth Sawyer Millett is a supervisor at the Poland Spring Water Company in Maine.

From Sumter, SC, Bari Schwartz Perales writes, "I am a stay-at-home mom with 3-year-old and 2-year-old sons. Friends, please keep in touch."

## '92 10TH REUNION MAY 17-19, 2002

## '93



At Kristin's baby shower in October 2001. (From L to R) Andrea Kneeland Bradstreet '95, Kristin Clisham Faivre '93, Brandi Robinson '93.

Kristin Clisham Faivre is enjoying her new home in Pembroke, MA.

Married for six years, Anita Place Provencher is a full-time mom to her two daughters and is building a new home in Holden, MA.

Brandi Robinson is a marketing assistant with a company in Dracut, MA, and lives in Manchester, NH.

## '94

Kristine Bell Smith writes, "I am blessed to be working with college students and loving what I do. Miss you all!" Kristine has been married for two years.



Bride Kerry Brody Barber '95 is surrounded by friends (L to R) Jessica Tabolt Magne '93, Amy Kohut '95 and Brenda Bernier Atallah '95.

## '95

Jennifer Bergeron received a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy. She started a company to market her newly created product — the babysitter companion.

Lorin Green is working as a Quality Assurance and Business Analyst in the IT Department of a financial company. She lives in Cambridge, MA, with her dog, Howard, and some roommates. Next September she leaves for a two-year stint with the Peace Corps, to do IT work and computer training to help eastern European/Asian countries compete in the new global markets. Lorin says, "I would love to hear from my New Dorm buddies as well as the Woodland gang."

Andrea Kneeland Bradstreet is pursuing her Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education at Wheelock College. She and her husband bought their first home in Methuen, MA.

## '97 5TH REUNION MAY 17-19, 2002

## '99

Giovanna Montoya is a full-time nurse in the medical/surgical and orthopedic departments at Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton, MA. She is working toward a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at Curry College. She has a five-year-old son.

## '01



Attending Leslie Perez Brimble's bridal shower: (Back row L to R): Jerry Dumais '02, Mary Crowley '00, Ashley Seybold '03, a friend, Shakira Watson King '00, Jennifer Deeble '01, Colleen Pratt '02, Anthony King, and Brittany Jackson '01.

Amanda Fecteau is a full-time Physical Therapist Assistant at Neuro-Health in Rhode Island. She writes, "The atmosphere is great, everyone is friendly, and I love what I am doing. Most of the diagnoses I treat are chronic migraines, cervical pain, back pain, MS, and Parkinson's. Occasionally we get orthopedic injuries. I am so glad I went through the PTA program at Lasell. Thank you."



# IN MEMORIAM



## DR. RICHARD M. PACKARD 1906–2002

Dr. Richard M. Packard, history professor for 26 years, chairman of the faculty, and acting Lasell president from 1959–60, died on January 2, 2002. From 1969 until his retirement in 1972, he was the only active faculty member to serve as a trustee. At the time of Dr. Packard's retirement the trustees established the Packard Fund, which provides financial support for faculty research or professional advancement.

## JAMES BOUDREAU 1922–2002

James Boudreau, Brennan Library Archivist, died on March 19, 2002. He had a very full library career before coming to Lasell, having been the director of the libraries at Stonehill College, Simmons College, Bentley College, and Babson College. Retirement didn't sit well with him, and he took hold of the Lasell archives in 1993, making them an important part of the library collection.

## Nota Bene

### Marriages

Sallyann Bartlett Abel '51 to Norman Bassett  
on August 19, 2001  
Barbara Fausel Warren '53 to Richard Smith  
on November 26, 2001  
Martha Borawski '68 to William Brandt  
Victoria Cole '73 to Charles Staples on July 14, 2001  
Merideth Sawyer '91 to Thaddeus Millett on June 7, 1998  
Jennifer Long '94 to Philip Malone on September 9, 2000  
Jennifer Foley '95 to Joseph Maranchie on September 22, 2001  
Elaine Viau '97 to William Chapman, on October 7, 2000  
Christine Martel '98 to Scott Ficarra on September 22, 2001  
Rayna Cascella '99 to Matthew Bouchard on October 6, 2001  
Nicole Donnelly '99 to Joseph Parmeggiani  
on October 13, 2001

### Births

Mandi Bulette Coakley '81, a son, Timothy,  
on September 9, 2001  
Linda Humphrey-Walsh '83, a daughter, Katherine,  
on October 27, 2001  
Clair McCarthy Dalton '85, a daughter, Courtney Rose,  
on January 25, 2002  
Merideth Sawyer Millett '91, a son, Everett Lawrence,  
on October 19, 1999  
Michelle Lane '97, a daughter, Emily Taylor, on July 11, 2001  
Stacy Rawson Sheldon '98, a son, Tyler Thomas,  
on September 8, 2001

### Deaths

Elizabeth Bristow McKenna '23  
Ruth Johnson Moseley '24 on May 28, 2001  
Sylvia Chandler Hooker '27 on October 7, 2001

Hazel Cooke Easterbrook '27  
Eugenie McEdwards Bunting '27 on September 14, 2001  
Alice Hamlin Ogden '31 on February 4, 2001  
Gertrude Stone Baptiste '32  
Hazel Merritt Bliven '33 on April 27, 2001  
Elizabeth Hayford Stewart '33 on December 23, 2001  
Doris Shehadi '33 on December 13, 2000  
Mary Elizabeth Barber (Sister George Chrysostom) '34  
Isabel LaCosse Fior '34 on August 22, 2001  
Maida Cardwell Atwood '35 on January 9, 2002  
Barbara McKelleget '35 on July 18, 2001  
Priscilla Colson Lane '36 on October 23, 2001  
Alethea Marder Pond '36 on May 21, 2001  
Audrey Seeley Tompkins '36 on December 2, 2001  
Barbara McNaught Smith '37  
Marian Sleeper Hall '37, summer 2001  
Dorothy Anderson Staples '40 on September 16, 2001  
Adele Friedstein Schaye '40 on July 28, 2001  
Mary-Carolyn Porter Morison '40 on August 6, 2001  
Polly Mudgett Davis '41 on August 16, 2001  
Louise O'Connor Chase '42  
Alice Rogers Doerfler '42 on October 18, 2001  
Margaret Sennott Iris '42 on September 28, 2001  
Margaret Patten Young '44 in February 2001  
Edna Poli Holland '44 on June 22, 2001  
Madeline Dungan Dyer '45 on November 3, 2001  
Beverly Andres Rydell '46 in December 2001  
Jane Caswell Rossi '46 on October 22, 2001  
Corinne Wilkins Staid '46 on November 24, 2001  
Judith Woodbury Berenson '46  
Theodora Mavros Theoharides '47 on September 26, 2001  
Nancy Pursel Tupper '47 on December 28, 2001  
Audrey Cooper Noyes '48 on August 3, 2001

Patricia Newman Carter '48 on October 21, 2001  
Shirley Thorne Brady '48 on December 22, 2001  
Miriam Clark Williams '49 on December 17, 2001  
Carol Dunn Beane '49 on September 4, 2001  
Diane Palady Barry '49 on January 9, 2002  
Virginia Woodman Cordes '49 on May 28, 2001  
Mary Duffy Storti '50 on January 15, 2002  
Marilyn Clark Lingelbach '51 on January 2, 2002  
Susan Goetz Preston '51 on October 20, 2001  
June Siteman Bailey '52 on October 2, 2001  
Phoebe Byrd Gregory '53 on September 18, 2001  
Suzanne Piper Keller '54 on December 1, 2001  
Elizabeth Boday Greene '55 on September 17, 2001  
Susan Twichell Nelson '55 on September 22, 2001  
Audrey Spawn Stockman '56 on June 15, 2001  
Barbara Montag Levy '58 on August 4, 2001  
Betty Wellington Travers '58 on April 27, 2001  
Sandra Hall Johnson '59 on October 30, 2001  
Nancy Kruger Williams '61 on June 11, 2001  
Carolyn Doucette Lombard '63 on November 23, 2001  
Christine Borden Jennings '64 on February 13, 2001  
Adrienne Aslanian Rentrop '66 on November 21, 1997  
Lynn Craig McLaren '66  
Beverly White Sherman '66 on October 20, 2001  
Heidi Eldridge '75 on November 16, 2001  
Ruth Wilmot Buurling, former faculty on June 16, 2001  
Ruth Marguerite Hamilton, former faculty, on July 18, 2001  
Sophia Josephs, former faculty, on January 4, 2002  
Margaret Munro, former staff, on August 5, 2001  
Beatrice Stoner, former staff, on October 11, 2001  
Dorothy Ulmer Willis, former staff, on September 5, 2001



# Join Those Were the Days Memories Project



## Those Were the Days Memories Project

*Dear Alumni,*

*Did you have a professor who left an indelible impression? Did you make life-long friends at Lasell with whom you still connect in a special way? Was there an on-campus tradition that touched you and made a difference? Did the Lasell experience inspire you or transform your life in some meaningful way?*

*The Office of Alumni Affairs is asking alumni to participate in the Share Your Memories Campaign by contributing personal memories of life on campus. Your words and recollections can help us chronicle Lasell's unique place in the history of educational institutions and help the College's unique campus culture live for generations to come.*

*Please send us anecdotes about classmates, faculty, staff, and experiences that made your years at Lasell unique and unforgettable. The responses we receive from alumni will be posted on the Lasell web site.*

*If you are connected to the Web, you can post your comments on the message board on our online community forum (<http://www.customforum.com/lasell>) under "Memories" and start a "conversation." You can also send your recollections directly by regular mail to:*

*Karen Gill  
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*We look forward to hearing from you.*



## Lasell House Earns Highest, Full Compliance Rating from Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**L**ASELL HOUSE, THE 44-BED SKILLED NURSING FACILITY AT LASELL VILLAGE, received the highest "in compliance" rating from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Quality, on October 31, 2001.

The Division of Health Care Quality inspects nursing homes in Massachusetts at least every nine to 15 months to assess compliance with federal standards of care such as adequacy of staffing, quality of care, and cleanliness of facilities. The quality of patient administration, nursing, resident rights, kitchen/food services, and environment are also carefully reviewed. In addition, the Division investigates complaints and serious incidents occurring within a nursing home.

"We are delighted to receive a deficiency-free, full compliance rating from the state," said Andrea Sklenecar Rathbone, MHSA, NHA, who serves as Lasell House administrator and its director of health care services. "At Lasell House, we work hard to ensure the highest level of care for our patients and residents. We are proud of the fact that Lasell House is fully staffed with medical and support personnel who — even at full census — provide an impressive ratio of professional staff to patient."

Health Care Quality Surveys are unannounced. Surveyors are health care professionals such as registered nurses and licensed social workers. A survey report is sent to the nursing home after each survey and, if standards are not met, the nursing home must submit a plan of correction to the Division. In some cases, follow-up surveys are made to verify that standards that were initially not met are corrected.

Lasell House, which has been admitting long-term residents and short-term patients since

November 1, 2000, defies the usual preconceived notions of stark, understaffed, under-funded nursing homes. Medicare certified and licensed by the Department of Public Health, Lasell House boasts a mission "to offer the best and most personal nursing home services in New England," Rathbone says. "A lot of our competitors say the same thing. But we deliver, and our patient satisfaction surveys speak for themselves."

Patients who are admitted to a spacious private or semi-private room at Lasell House have the collaborative support of the nursing home's qualified staff, from registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants, registered dietitian, to licensed social worker, consultant pharmacist, therapy professionals, and a physician of choice. Lasell House also maintains a staff physician who serves as medical director, and is on call 24-hours-a-day. Admissions, too, are handled on a 24-hours-a-day basis. "The goal is to be available and responsive to the Newton community," says Rathbone.

A team of physical, occupational and speech/language therapists work with patients whose physical issues run the range from hip and knee surgery to pneumonia, reconditioning, wound management, gait training, and early and middle stages of dementia. Respite care services are provided for caregivers who need a break from their daily responsibilities, and hospice care, in collaboration with local hospice services, is also provided at Lasell House. ♣

## POWERS

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By the time Powers accepted the position at Lasell Village, he had developed an approach to managing that draws on his early experiences in the business. Remembering his start in food service, combined with his innately inquisitive nature, Shawn now encourages his sous chef and staff to get involved in the creative process. "Many of my staff have better ideas than I do, and they often teach me a lot.

"One member of the staff, who came with me from the Parker House, may not have had any formal training, but has had the privilege of working for some very influential chefs. He has spent a considerable amount of time observing and absorbing an enormous amount of information on technique and international cuisine. In fact, one resident asked where we got our Italian influence? 'Well,' I responded with a degree of pride, 'from our Mexican cook.'"

The Lasell Village menu ranges from an offering of comfort foods, such as meat loaf or roast chicken, to the specials, "where," Powers notes, "we can get very creative." Yet, there are always four staple items offered on the menu — chicken, scrod, salmon and steak. "So far, one of the real hits has been the sea bass, poached in onions, fennel, celery and tomatoes. And, there haven't been any obvious misses...yet," says Powers good naturedly. "I can change and experiment with the menu, which you really can't do in a hotel restaurant setting."

Powers was most pleased to discover that the Lasell Village residents have a high level of culinary sophistication, are very health conscious, and many are involved in the dining service. There is a food committee currently comprised of 14 residents. "They give us constructive criticism, and valuable input as far as service, menus, and any recommendations the residents might have," says Powers. "And, in keeping with the learning in retirement concept, we are looking forward to conducting cooking classes." ♣

## Lasell Village Awarded Outstanding Older Adult Learning Program

**L**ASELL VILLAGE HAS BEEN selected as a recipient of a 2002 MindAlert Award in the category of Outstanding Older Adult Learning Program.



Villagers line up to register for classes.

The award was developed by the Metlife Foundation in collaboration with the American Society on Aging (ASA). Lasell Village shares the award with another outstanding program, Generations Online, a service that provides Internet access and learning to the oldest generations who are the least likely to use computer technology, but are the most likely to benefit from its communications potential.

The Metlife Foundation-ASA MindAlert Award was established to recognize innovations in mental fitness programming for older adults. Based on research showing that cognitive decline is not inevitable in aging, these awards recognize programs, products or tools that promote cognitive fitness in later life. The programs are judged for their innovation, their basis in research, demonstration of their effectiveness, potential for replicability, and the extent to which the programs are accessible to diverse populations of elders.

"We are proud to receive such distinguished recognition from ASA-Metlife for a program that is unique among retirement communities, one that is specifically designed to promote lifelong learning and support cognitive and physical fitness in later life," says Paula Panchuck, Ph.D., the full-time dean for Lasell Village. "The focus of 'living and learning' at Lasell Village is its defining characteristic. Village residents are required to plan and satisfy a continued learning program as a condition of residency. To date, Lasell Village is the only college-owned and managed continuous care retirement community (CCRC) with a learning requirement for residents." ♣



# PEOPLE *at Lasell*

Dean of Students, **Diane Austin**, presented a session at the annual conference of the National Orientation Directors Association (NODA), in Toronto, titled, "A Baby Boomer Gets Reflective... And Gets a Grip." Featured in a program track for seasoned professionals, it was about mid-life development issues. The program abstract read: "Never underestimate the power of turning 50 as a values clarification tool."

In the session, Dean Austin looked at issues including: dreams gained, lost and re-formatted; the changing work world (and supervising Generations X and Y); the role of partners, families and friends; and integrating issues of loss with everyday living.

Dean Austin will also be faculty for a two-day, intensive, "Orientation Professionals Institute" this spring. Also sponsored by NODA, the institute will be held in conjunction with the organization's Region IX conference in Lenox, Massachusetts.

"I will be co-presenting the modules on 'Building an Orientation Programming Model' and 'Selection, Training and Supervision of Orientation Staff,' as well as co-leading a Roundtable Session/Presentation for experienced professionals, and I will be the sole faculty member presenting the module on assessment and standards," Dean Austin reports.

**Steven F. Bloom**, associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and professor of English at Lasell, is an O'Neill scholar who this fall participated in a tribute to the Nobel Prize winning Eugene O'Neill at his burial place in Forest Hills Cemetery in Boston. He is the Book Reviews Editor of The Eugene O'Neill Review, a member of the Board of Directors of the Eugene O'Neill Society, and has published numerous articles and reviews on O'Neill.



Steven F. Bloom

**Linda Bruenjes**, associate professor, director of Academic Computing, chair of the IT Department, School of Business and IT, successfully defended her dissertation on a study that completes requirements for her Ed.D. degree in Leadership in Schooling, Graduate School of Education, UMass Lowell. Her dissertation was titled, "A Multi-Case Study Investigating the Disposition of Faculty Use of Technology as a Teaching and Learning Tool in the Higher Education Classroom."

Chair of Justice Studies **Linda Bucci**, who holds a J.D. degree from Boston College Law School, and an M.S., Criminal Justice, from Northeastern, recently served as panel chair of "New Theoretical Approaches," at the Annual Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, in Anaheim, California.

Assistant Professor **Jill Carey**, who teaches Art and Costume History for the Lasell Institute of Fashion Technology, was a guest speaker at an educational style summit at the Boston Adult Education Center. The topic dealt with fashion history and human behavior. She also received a



At the Circumnavigator's Club in New York, Dean Brewer Doran stands with Senator John Glenn, who was presented with the Magellan Award, the club's highest honor, given out only every two or three years.

Vision Award from the board of fashion week for her commitment to fashion education in Boston. The award was presented at Massachusetts College of Art in October, 2001, by Lasell's LIFT director, **Richard Bath**.

Assistant Professor **Kim Farah**, Exercise Science, had a paper accepted and presented at the 40th annual Eastern Analytical Symposium and Exposition meeting in Atlantic City. The meeting is the second largest meeting in the United States dedicated to the needs of analytical chemists and those in the allied sciences. Her paper was presented during the session on "New Techniques in Experimental Design and Chemometrics." Professor Farah collaborated with colleagues at Turbine Component Services in Peabody, Massachusetts on the project.

"I am also working on a paper regarding the determination of estrogenic compounds in wastewater and sludge, along with new techniques for the determination of these compounds. While the concentrations of these compounds and their respective metabolites are low, there is concern that they may be acting as endocrine disruptors," she explains.

**Mara Green**, MSW, LCSW, who did her graduate field work with the Lasell Counseling Center, has now joined the staff. The new position means more students can be seen for individual counseling, as well as providing more outreach. Mara is also focusing on alcohol education programming.

Lecturer **Ivana Pinho Kuhn**, who teaches Music Appreciation, World Music, Chorus and History of Jazz for the Humanities Department/School of Arts and Sciences, made a conference presentation recently, at the Massachusetts Music Educators Association, in Danvers, Massachusetts, and is scheduled in August to present a paper, "Adult Student Motivation in Music Classes" at the International Society of Music Education, in Stavanger, Norway.

Additionally, Ivana Pinho Kuhn has been actively performing recitals including, in February 2002, flute and piano recital at the Newton Free Library, presenting works by French impressionist composers and 20th century Brazilian composers. She is currently working on a recording of music by Brazilian composers with flutist W. Cardoso.

**Margo Lemieux**, a member of Lasell's Humanities Department, has a strong commitment to children's literacy, and has had several children's books published. In November, she co-directed a major illustration conference that was co-sponsored by the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators of New England and Rhode Island School of Design. The conference educated artists in both the craft and business of children's book illustration.

Recently she submitted an article to *American Artist* which will be published in the special May issue devoted to drawing. The article features her artwork and is about the use of contour and gesture to create lively, expressive drawings.

Joan Weiler Arnow Professor/Sociology, **Dr. Sylvia MacPhee**, presented a paper at the Eastern Sociological Society 2002 Annual Meeting at the Boston Marriott, Copley Place. The paper was titled: "Cultures in Collision: Redefining Differences in the 21st Century." She will also be presenting a paper in July at the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI) Conference 2002, University of Wales, Aberystwth. That paper is titled: "Who is an Italian? Italy's Struggle for a National Identity." Colleagues **Joe Aieta** and **Helen Alcala** will be presenting on other topics at the same session.

**Dr. Paula Panchuck**, dean of Lasell Village, completed the 2002 Disney World Marathon in Orlando this January. "I ran (a.k.a. walked/jogged) the 26.2 miles as a fundraiser for the



Dean Paula Panchuck, a happy finisher!

American Stroke Association's Boston team in honor of my father, Gino DeAngelis, who died of stroke complications 25 years ago. He was a man who never drove, he walked everywhere," says Paula. She is now totally hooked, and is registered to run the Rock and Roll Half Marathon in Virginia Beach on September first. "I think that working with the Village residents, who presented me with a laurel wreath when I returned from the race, who are so active and defy age and other limits everyday, inspires me to do the same!"



# Senior Student Athletes Are a Major Force Behind Success of Lasell's Teams

**L**ASELL'S STUDENT ATHLETES GIVE THEIR ALL TO THEIR respective programs, and success has followed them.

Four seniors who have been part of the transformation of Lasell's athletics are Tania Cirino, a member of the NAC Championship volleyball team, Jen Lesnick, co-captain of the women's soccer and basketball teams, Dwayne Okantey, who has received both ECAC and NAC recognition in basketball, and Jarrod VanDerwerken, goalie for the men's soccer team. Their stories convey the pride and excitement that are part of what athletics at Lasell are all about.

"I started playing volleyball in ninth grade and once I started I couldn't stop," explains Tania Cirino, Lasell's volleyball team captain for 3 years. "I practiced, worked with my coaches, and put in a lot of extra time. The reward was seeing myself get better. I couldn't believe it. I love the sport!"

Her enthusiasm for the game is shared by her teammates. The result of taking each game seriously and playing their hardest has been two NAC championships and being named MVP of the NAC Conference Tournament in both 2000 and 2001. "My freshman year we played only 14 games. Each year we added more opponents and by the end of sophomore year we were in second place, so close to the title. We made a team promise to be the first to bring a championship banner to Lasell, and we did it! Then, at the beginning of this year, we thought, 'that banner looks lonely. It needs company.' And now there are two hanging there. We are so proud and excited."

At the women's basketball game against Bay Path College on January 26th, senior Jen Lesnick

needed to score only ten points to be the first 1,000 point scorer in Lasell's history. As the spectators crowded into the gym, anticipation vibrated in the air. "I was really nervous going into the game. I didn't want to disappoint people, and my teammates were almost trying to help me too much," recalls Jen. With four minutes to go, she hit a three-point-shot and cheers filled the air. "They actually stopped the game while I was presented with flowers. It was a moment I'll never forget."

Dwayne Okantey recently became the second Lasell student to score 1000 points, and the first men's player to reach this mark. He accomplished this in just two years, having transferred to Lasell his junior year from Broward Community College, in Fort Lauderdale, recruited by Coach Chris Harvey. "It was easy to fit in," says Dwayne. "There weren't a lot of egos, and the team played well together."

Dwayne's first interest was baseball, but in junior high he switched to basketball, and the many hours he spent practicing have paid off. Scoring an average of 20 points and 7.6 rebounds per game, he has led the team in scoring and rebounding in his two years at Lasell. In November, he was recognized by the ECAC as Player of the Week. "Individual accolades are nice, but it's really for all of us," he says. They pass



Student athletes (left to right) Dwayne Okantey, Tania Cirino, Jen Lesnick and Jarrod VanDerwerken.

me the ball, and my job is to put it in the net." As NAC conference champions and with an invitation to the NAACs, his teamwork has paid off.

The NAC semi-final men's soccer match against Elms College went to double overtime, and the two teams were still tied after 120 minutes of play. Having already made 33 saves, goalie Jarrod VanDerwerken then faced a penalty-kick shootout, and Lasell unfortunately lost the match. "We played an incredible game. To have been a part of the maturation of the Lasell team over the past four years has been a great experience. We've built our skills and played against nationally-ranked schools. We're more than a team. We're really like a bunch of brothers," says Jarrod.

Although the soccer season is now over, Jarrod is keeping sharp by playing with three indoor leagues to prepare himself for the Boston Bulldogs tryouts.

Lasell will miss having these athletes in their starting line-ups next year, but they have passed their enthusiasm along to their teammates and their futures are bright. 🍀

## Message from the Athletic Director

**T**HIS SEASON HAS BEEN ONE OF "FIRSTS" FOR THE LASELL COLLEGE ATHLETIC Program. Since September, the Lasers have won two North Atlantic Conference Championships, seen three basketball players score more than 1,000 career points and received a bid to the national tournament. Lasell also has three players weighing options and/or trying out for professional teams.

In November, the women's volleyball team won their second straight North Atlantic Conference Championship defeating Mount Ida College 3-0 in the final match. Sarah Quinones was named the North Atlantic Conference Player of the Year, and Tania Cirino was named the Tournament MVP. These two women led Lasell this season to an overall record of 14-11, and an undefeated conference record of 6-0. The women have been undefeated in conference play now for two consecutive seasons.

The men's basketball team became the second Lasell squad to win a North Atlantic Conference Championship when they defeated Maine Maritime Academy 69-65 on February 24. Senior Dwayne Okantey was named the MVP of the Tournament, and Coach Chris Harvey was named the North Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year. The 2001-2002 men's basketball team produced an unprecedented 21-7 overall record this year, and the season was capped off with an inaugural trip to the NCAA Division III National Tournament. The men's team

traveled to Union College on February 28, to play in the first ever NCAA tournament for any Lasell team. The men played a fiercely competitive game, losing 75-73, but proved that they deserved to be included in the tournament.

Also, during the 2001-2002 basketball season, three athletes reached the 1,000 point mark for career scoring. This is the first time in Lasell athletics history that this milestone has been reached. Jen Lesnick, a senior on the women's basketball team, was the first ever 1,000 point scorer, reaching this mark on January 26th. She finished her career with 1,109 career points, and leaves Lasell leading the team in points and assists. She was named to the First Team All-Conference Team in 2001 and 2002. Shortly after Jen reached this mark, Dwayne Okantey also scored 1,000 points on February 5th. Dwayne reached this landmark in only two years at Lasell, averaging 20 points per game. Erik Costin was the third athlete to reach 1,000 career points on February 12th against Elms College.



Director of Athletics, Kristy Walter.

Finally, three athletes have secured options to try out for professional teams here and abroad. Jarrod VanDerwerken, goalie from the men's soccer team, is traveling to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania during spring break for a try-out with the professional soccer team, the Pittsburgh River Rats. Both Dwayne Okantey and Vince Johnson of the men's basketball team are exploring professional and semi-professional options in basketball.

The spring season should prove to be quite exciting as the men's lacrosse team competes for the first time in the Pilgrim League. The women's lacrosse team is entering its second season as a varsity team, and the women's softball team is expecting to dominate the North Atlantic Conference. 🍀

Sincerely,

Kristy Walter  
Director of Athletics



## A Word from the Director of Alumni Affairs...

### Dear Alumni:

What an exciting time to be an alumnus of Lasell! So much is happening on campus and off to bring together and encourage the participation of our unique constituency group.



Karen Gill, Director of Alumni Affairs

Never before has it been so easy to connect!

In this issue of *Leaves*, you'll read about Planet Alumni, Lasell's exciting interactive online community. Grab a cup of coffee

or a glass of wine, log in and enjoy chatting live, online with your classmates, faculty and staff. Enjoy the life-time email forwarding benefit that comes with registering.

On the Lasell.edu Web site, you can involve yourselves by filling out the career services mentoring survey. You can read about all the things that are happening at the College, from commencement 2002, during which men will graduate with a four-year degree for the first time in the College's history, to an incredibly exciting reunion weekend that brings together, for the first time, Fashion, PTA, and Education majors, for programming and networking opportunities in dynamic, new affinity group gatherings.

Vocalizing by alumni will be encouraged at the Pops-style evening soiree, under the tent, featuring the New Philharmonia Orchestra and special guest, renowned singer/songwriter Livingston Taylor.

There are so many compelling reasons to come back, reconnect, revisit, rekindle old memories, and start new ones at Lasell's annual "BIG PARTY."

We look forward to seeing you here.

*Karen B. Gill*

Karen B. Gill  
Director of Alumni Affairs

## New, Exciting, Interactive

### JOIN LASELL'S ONLINE COMMUNITY, PLANET ALUMNI

SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING IS HAPPENING ONLINE FOR MEMBERS OF THE Lasell community here, across the continent, and even abroad. We are harnessing the power of the Internet through <http://lasell.planetalumni.com>, and invite each of you to check it out, sign up, and participate!

Inaugurated by the Institutional Advancement Office of Alumni Affairs, our new, robust online community — accessible by anyone with an Internet connection — enhances the way our varied Lasell constituents stay connected to and involved with Lasell.

Open to staff, faculty, alumni, and friends of the College (membership is free and private), <http://lasell.planetalumni.com> is the fast, simple, and fun way to join the party and communicate with Lasell's extended family online.

Looking for information, advice, or friendship? Want to network? Interested in mentoring or being mentored? This user-friendly online community empowers its visitors to find and connect with old friends, make new acquaintances, and stay in touch. Members can post images and personal information to share with others in their profiles section; they can upload photos of family, pets, and friends on their mini-web pages, as well as get email responses each time someone responds to messages they have posted on bulletin boards. With its powerful range of

resources, our new online community makes keeping informed and staying in touch a breeze.

Features include:

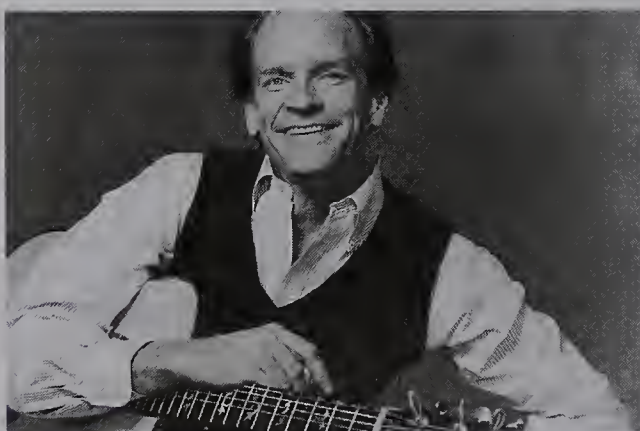
- Member directories
- Free, personalized lifetime email
- Message boards
- Real-time chats
- Photo albums
- Event calendars
- Reunion planning
- Regional alumni club sub webs

Lasell's Planet Alumni can also be used to keep up with campus news, provide informative live chats with faculty and administrators, take registration information and secure payment for events tickets, accept online donations to the Annual Fund, and buy official College merchandise.

So don't delay. Go to <http://lasell.planetalumni.com>, become a member today, and experience the best part of Lasell — its people. We look forward to getting your feedback. ✉

## Livingston Taylor Concert at Lasell

SINGER, SONGWRITER AND MUSICIAN LIVINGSTON TAYLOR WILL BE performing at "Promenade Pops at Lasell," on Saturday, May 18, at 8:30 p.m. under the tent at Lasell College's Taylor Field with the New Philharmonia Orchestra.



Singer, songwriter and musician Livingston Taylor.

With his soft, easy style and more than 30 years and 11 albums to his credit, Livingston

Taylor has been delighting fans with his accomplished folk musicianship and songwriting. The level of his song craft, like his homespun brand of showmanship, is consistently impressive.

Seating for the concert is first come, first served. Walk-ins will be accommodated if seating permits.

Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased securely online at <http://lasell.planetalumni.com> or by calling 617-243-2141. Visit Taylor's Web site at <http://www.livtaylor.com/index.shtml>.

Dinner and concert (\$75), sponsor cocktail party with Livingston Taylor, dinner and concert (\$150). ✉

## DO YOUR SHOPPING IN LONDON!

Join Lasell alumni in an unforgettable, fun-filled 'Discover London' week, November 14, 2002. \$1299 (includes airfare from Boston/NY), 7 Days, 8 Meals.

Accommodations: Melia White House or Thistle Selfridge Hotel  
Highlights:

- London City Tour
- St. Paul's Cathedral
- British Museum
- Theatre Performance
- Windsor Castle
- Hampton Court Palace

For more information, click onto our Web site:

<http://www.lasell.edu/html/london.html>

Email: [calter@lasell.edu](mailto:calter@lasell.edu) or call Emily Alter, 617-796-4658.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 3 an alumni gathering will take place in New York City to see *The Producers*. Read "Mel Brooks brings laughs to the stage with *The Producers*" at [www.theproducertickets.com/producers\\_story.htm](http://www.theproducertickets.com/producers_story.htm)

Make a date for Broadway's smash hit  
**"THE PRODUCERS"**



Winner of 12 Tony awards!  
New York City—Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002  
Brunch 12 noon, performance 3 p.m.



## Chester K. Lasell's Gift Ensures Perpetuity of Lasell Medallion

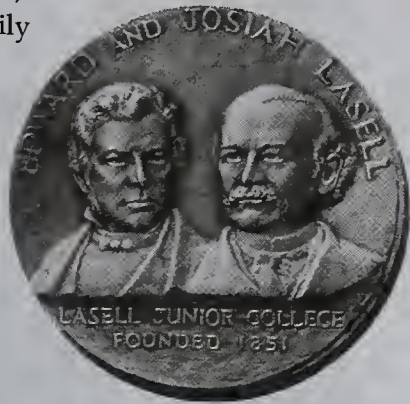
ONE OF THE WONDERFUL ASPECTS OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL is that it brought together so many members of the Lasell community.

When Chester K. Lasell, whose great, great uncle, Edward Lasell, founded the College, was asked by Williams College, his alma mater, to be their academic representative at the 150 Celebration, he was pleased to accept. "In spite of all my family ties, I had only been on the campus once before and I looked forward to the opportunity of catching up on everything that has been happening," he explained.

During his visit Mr. Lasell learned about the Lasell Medallion, which was established by his late father, Chester H. Lasell, to honor the distinguished service to the College by active alumni or trustees. Embossed on the medallion are likenesses of founder Edward Lasell and his brother, Josiah Lasell, who headed the school with his brother-in-law George Briggs after Edward's untimely death.

"I want to make sure that this award continues but the current design of the medallions does not reflect the College's name change or its four year, coeducational status. I am pleased to be able to make a gift that will perpetuate this award and that the medallions will now depict the College correctly," said Mr. Lasell.

"I look forward to returning to Lasell in the near future when such a big celebration is not underway and I can spend time reacquainting myself with Lasell," he continued. His presence on campus will represent the continuation of his rich family tradition. ❧



## "Not Your Ordinary Raffle" to Benefit Alumni Scholarship Fund

AT REUNION WEEKEND, ON MAY 18, 2002, LASPELL Alumni Inc. will conduct the drawing for its ninth annual "Not Your Ordinary Raffle" to raise money for much needed scholarships for deserving students. Last year, \$10,250 was raised from the sale of tickets for 30 prizes worth in excess of \$5,000.

### PRIZE

\$100 Cash prize  
\$100 Savings account  
\$50 Gift certificate to Scrapbooks, etc.  
\$100 Cash prize  
\$100 Cash prize  
\$ 75 Gift Certificate  
\$163.80 One-year on-line subscription to *The Want Advertiser* (2 available)  
\$100 Cash prize  
\$100 Cash prize  
\$ 50 Floral Arrangement  
\$100 value Gift basket (Dunkin Donuts, Togos & Baskin Robbins)  
\$1800 Photograph by Japanese artist  
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\$100 Gift Certificate to William-Sonoma  
\$100 Cash prize  
3-Month Membership to JCC  
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\$150 Sculpture  
\$100 Cash Prize  
\$175 Indoor Rock Climbing Party for 10  
2 Tickets — Turtle Lane Playhouse (\$42)  
\$100 Cash prize  
\$100 Cash prize

### DONOR

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Lynn Blodgett Williamson '46

We are very grateful to our donors! If anyone has an item they would like to donate, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (617) 243-2139.

To participate, cut out coupon and mail with a check (\$5 per entry or \$25 for six entries) made payable to:  
Lasell Alumni Inc., 1844 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA 02466-2716.

## NOT YOUR ORDINARY RAFFLE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*No donation necessary. Winner need not be present.*

## REUNION LIAISONS

### Class

'27 — 75th Madalyn Patten Hoberg  
'32 — 70th Alumni Office  
'37 — 65th Marge Westgate Doran  
'42 — 60th Ruth Turner Crosby /  
Dodie Mosher Stone  
'47 — 55th Barbara Stickle Mode  
'52 — 50th Marilyn McGuire  
'57 — 45th Nancy Van Deusen  
Connor

'62 — 40th Sharon Carley Fitts  
'67 — 35th Kathy Morgan Lucey  
'72 — 30th Bonnie Berman Wugman  
'77 — 25th Lynne Pantaleo-Congdon  
'82 — 20th Sandra Davidow  
'87 — 15th Wendy Tarfano  
'92 — 10th Stormy Horton Bell  
'97 — 5th Barbara Ortega-Alicea

## Alumni Bulletin Board

If you have some memories of your Lasell days which you would like to share, please send them to:  
Lasell Leaves Editor,  
1884 Commonwealth Ave.,  
Newton, MA 02466-2716.

Call to Singers: Calling all former Orphean / Lamplighter / Glee Club singers and anyone else who wants to sing — Brought back by popular demand! We invite you to join your classmates in singing at the Saturday evening concert with the New Philharmonia Orchestra on May 18, 2002, at 8:30 p.m. If you are interested, please call (617) 243-2139.

Lasell Alumni Merchandise is available through the Alumni Board of Management — including T-shirts, mugs, stationery, brass book-marks, flashlights, watches, history books, etc. Contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (617) 243-2139 for an order form or go online at <http://www.lasell.edu/merchandise/index.html>



## ALUMNI GATHERINGS

Are you a Florida snowbird? Please give us your address so that we can send you an invitation to events.

Throughout the year, the President and members of the Institutional Advancement staff travel around the country to meet with alumni from all class years at Lasell gatherings. It's a chance to meet and network with

other alumni in your geographic area while also hearing the latest information about Lasell. Please contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (617) 243-2139 if you can help to provide ideas, organize an event, etc. The office creates and mails all invitations, so as host, all that is needed is to help make some follow-up phone calls.

### MAY, '02

17-19 FRIDAY-SUNDAY  
Auburndale, MA  
REUNION/COMMENCEMENT  
WEEKEND at Lasell College campus

### OCTOBER, '02

5 SATURDAY  
Hyannis, MA  
Hyannis Yacht Club, Cape Cod  
  
20 SUNDAY  
Auburndale, MA  
Family & Friends Weekend/River Day  
at Lasell College

### OCTOBER, '02

27 SUNDAY  
Worcester, MA  
Worcester Art Museum

### NOVEMBER, '02

3 SUNDAY  
New York City  
*The Producers*  
Read "Mel Brooks brings laughs to the stage  
with *The Producers*"  
[www.theproducerstickets.com/producers\\_story.htm](http://www.theproducerstickets.com/producers_story.htm)  
  
9 SATURDAY  
Farmington, CT  
Apricot's Restaurant



September Cape Cod gathering in Sandwich, MA at the Daniel Webster Inn, graciously hosted by Bob and Joan Conradi McLaughlin '59.



Adam Kaplan '05 and Richard Dorval '04 modeled some 1920's swimwear for the alumni at the Connecticut Valley luncheon. Betty Anderson Fairchild '58 (left) helped Michele Poirier Gorman '60 host the gathering.

## A Taste of Florida

*More Florida pictures  
in the Fall issue.*



Bubbles Davenport Weidmann '48 and Lynn Dawson Van Der Wall '61 had a great time swapping Lasell stories at the Key Biscayne, FL event in March 2002.



Terry Fleming Cox '64 was serenaded by the waiter at the Lake Worth, FL event in March 2002.

## Students Are the Glue Behind the Alumni Affairs Office

**T**HE ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE IS VERY LUCKY TO HAVE two very hard working work/study students who keep things running smoothly and efficiently.

Jen Toscano and Mary Smyth, both sophomores, arrived on campus just as the 150 Celebration plans were in full swing. It was a sink or swim situation and not only did these women rise to the top, they helped keep the entire office afloat.

"During the organization of the Sesquicentennial, I had to go through old yearbooks looking for pictures, and it made me realize how much Lasell has changed," says Jen. "Then at the reunion, I gave campus van tours, and it was fun seeing the College through the eyes of the alumni. There was one husband who kept telling me about Lasell experiences, and when I looked surprised, since Lasell wasn't coed then, he laughed, and said he was always on campus courting his wife-to-be."

Jen is an Elementary Education major and when she's not busy on campus she can probably be found sailing a Rhodes 19 in Boston Harbor out of the Courageous Sailing Center. "I started in sixth grade, loved it immediately, and now it ties in with my interest in education. During the summer, I teach sailing to inner city children, and this spring we are starting a new program that will try to get high school students to come."

Mary helped staff the busy registration desk during the 150 Celebration. "I enjoyed meeting all the alumni and matching faces with the names I had



Jen Toscano '04 and Mary Smyth '04, a helpful and willing team.

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## What Is a Lasell STAR?

**I**N THE PAST DECADE, THE LASELL ANNUAL FUND HAS SHOWN TREMENDOUS growth, as I have reported in past issues of *Leaves* and the *President's Report*. In recognition of the many alumni, parents and friends of Lasell who have helped to make this growth possible, the Trustee Development Committee decided at its January meeting to initiate a program that will designate as STARS, our Annual Fund donors of 10 consecutive years or more.

Consistent giving to the Annual Fund is the backbone of the program. Of course, the total number of dollars raised is vital to the College, helping to support academic and athletic programs, library resources, student financial aid, and upkeep of the campus buildings and grounds. But equally important is the percentage of Lasell alumni, parents and friends who make contributions.

Donors who contribute every year form the base of the Annual Fund percentage of giving. What makes this figure so important? When Lasell College applies to charitable foundations such as the Kresge Foundation (\$400,000 for the Winslow Hall renovations), or the Davis Foundation (\$125,000 for the RoseMary B. Fuss Teaching and Learning Center for Faculty), or the Schrafft Family Foundation (\$45,000 to the Schrafft Scholarship Fund), a significant factor they use in determining which institutions will receive their grants is donor participation in the Annual Fund. So every donor to the Annual Fund supports the College in two ways, by boosting the dollar total raised, and by increasing the number of donors who show their belief in the strength of the institution with their gifts.

There were 1,419 donors to the 2000-2001 Annual Fund who had supported the Annual Fund for 10 or more years. There are already more than half that number for the current Annual



Director of Annual Giving Noni Linton

Fund ending on June 30, 2002 who will now be designated as STARS in the President's Report to be published in January 2003. Gifts from these loyal donors vary considerably in size — the amount is not the key factor in this program, it is the loyalty and consistency of the

support. They have made Lasell a priority in their charitable giving and we want to show our appreciation in a more visible way.

Please consider making Lasell College one of your priorities, beginning this year, if you have not done so in the past. Our students need your support in order to help them prepare to meet the challenges of our changing world. Every gift to the Annual Fund is put to immediate use to assure that we are giving them the best possible educational experience at Lasell.

And when you hear the word "participation," please remember that your participation is a gift to Lasell, too. ♡

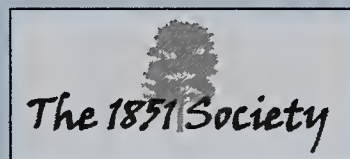
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Noni Linton  
Director of Annual Giving

## Lasell Launches a Whole New Level of Giving

**I**T'S CALLED THE 1851 SOCIETY, and it provides a whole new level of giving for donors who continue to be dazzled by the accomplishments of the revitalized Lasell College.

For the first time in Lasell history, alumni and friends of the College have a new tier of philanthropic achievement to consider, the **1851 Society**, for gifts of \$25,000 and more. Overseer Coleman Casey, Trustee of the Helen M. Saunders '17 Foundation, was the first to step up to the plate. He told President de Witt that he would make a contribution at this level and challenge someone else to make the same commitment. Trustee Richard S. Holway met the challenge head on. For Dick Holway it was a fitting gesture, since at the time that he was Chairman of the Board, it was he who recommended the creation of the Chairman's Council — recognizing the generosity of those who gifted the College with \$10,000 or more. Both Coleman and Dick Holway challenge others to consider a gift at this new level. ♡



## Who's Calling ?

### DEDICATED 2001-2002 STUDENT PHONERS REACH OUT TO ALUMNI BASE

**A**N ESSENTIAL ASPECT OF THE LASELL COLLEGE ANNUAL FUND HAS LONG been its Phonathon program, and its dedicated student workers, who spend their time connecting with alumni and keeping them informed of current events on campus. For some alums, the student phoner may be their only contact with Lasell over the course of years past. Having attained a 16% increase in pledges over the Fall semester, we believe the Spring holds an even more promising, yet challenging, outlook toward Annual Fund support.

*Leaves* would like to recognize a few of those phone voices who provide this vital link between Lasell past and present.

"I appreciate having such a dedicated Phonathon staff. They work as a team to reach out and share their college experiences with alumni of all ages. The point of view and confidence they exude on the phone is outstanding, and their efforts to support Lasell cannot be underestimated." — Lee Goldstein, Annual Fund Phonathon Supervisor

"Being a phoner gives us a chance to learn how Lasell used to be." — Heather Ely '04

"I've been gaining valuable experience as a Phonathon caller. I enjoy conversing with alums who are friendly and very informative about their own college experiences. I also enjoy getting generous pledges which support student financial aid, among other essential college programs. I feel



Student phonathoners busy at work.

very fortunate and honored to be supporting Lasell College." — Stephanie Samson '05

"I look at the Phonathon as a form of networking for my future." — Allison Blackmore '03

"I always smile when I dial!" — James Nason '05 ♡

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been working with over the year. There was a real buzz. Everyone was excited to see their returning classmates."

As Mary, a Fashion Design major, talked with the alumni, she was interested in hearing what some of the past dress requirements were. "Students look a lot different in Valentine Dining Hall today than they did in the Lasell of the past," she chuckles.

Because she is a Resident Assistant (RA) this year (see story page 9), staying focused and budgeting her time are two things that Mary has learned to do well. "I'm one of four RAs in Woodland Hall, and I am in charge of the second floor, which has almost 40 students living on it," she explains. Since most of them are freshman, I was answering a million questions at the beginning of the year, but things have settled down now."

With the fast approach of this year's reunion and commencement, and all their incurring details, the Alumni Office will confidently be relying on this experienced and extremely competent team. ♡



## Lucky Lottery Ticket Leads to a Lasell Endowed Scholarship

WHEN KATHERINE E. MEREDITH '94 scratched her \$5 lottery ticket and discovered that she had won \$1 million, she realized that her life had changed.

After the initial euphoria, she gave serious thought as to what she wanted to do with this windfall.

"It was quite a time for me," Katherine recalls. "March 13 marked my 10th year of being cancer free. On March 26 I turned 50 and on April 4th I won a million dollars."

In 1992, Katherine had just finished chemotherapy and, wanting to change her life and career, decided to enroll in college as a full-time student. "When I came to Lasell for my interview, my hair was a half inch long. A student came up to me and said 'awesome haircut' and I knew this was the college for me," she laughs.

A member of the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program, she worked hard. "I was a non-traditional age student but I developed a great relationship with the other PTA students. I was right there with them," she says. "With Lasell's help I received grants, financial aid, and was a work/study student. This enabled me to complete the program. To give you an idea of how hard it was, there were 40 PTA students when I started and only 24 of us graduated in 1994. I was very proud when I was asked to be the speaker at the PTA pinning ceremony."

Working alongside her was another "older" student, Linda Georgilas. "As we shared experiences, we became fast friends and kept in touch after graduation, including working in home care together," says Katherine. "I knew her whole family well and when, in November 2000, Linda's son Jason died, I shared her grief."

Thinking back on all that she and Linda had been through together and how fortunate she had been to win the lottery, Katherine wondered how she could give something back. "Lasell College helped me redefine my career. Everyone was so supportive. For non-traditional students like Linda and myself, it was harder as we had to balance family, children and job responsibilities."

Talking with Linda and her family, Katherine decided to establish the Jason C. Georgilas Endowed Scholarship. "It represents the connection between Linda and me, between us and Lasell, and through it, Jason lives on. Education was of great importance to us and Lasell made it possible."

Katherine has also increased her gift to the Annual Fund and said, "I would like to increase it further when I am able." The lucky lottery ticket has touched many lives and through the endowed scholarship it will touch many more. ■

## Alumni Donate Museum-Quality Pieces to Goodwill Collection

THERE IS A LOT OF EXCITEMENT AND BUZZ ON CAMPUS ABOUT THE ARRIVAL of the Goodwill Collection and thanks to the generosity of Marjorie W. Doran '37, Gertrude B. Duquette '43 and Sally R. Southmayd '62, some beautiful pieces, all in mint condition, have recently been added. There are more than 300 lavish items in the Collection, which focuses on women's and children's clothing, including accessories such as hats, gloves and shoes.

Professor Jill Carey, who was instrumental in bringing the Collection to Lasell, knows each and every piece and is very excited by the new arrivals. Standing by a 1930s wardrobe box, she explains that this is where Marjorie Doran's wedding dress was kept. "It is a very personal donation to the College," Jill exudes. Holding the beautiful silk dress up, she is quick to show all the hand stitching. Mrs. Doran also donated the dress that she had made for her 50th wedding anniversary in 1987, whose bodice is a copy of that of her wedding gown. This is the most recent piece included in the Collection.

Among the pieces Trudy Duquette donated were a wool opera cape with a beautiful printed silk lining from the 1880s, as well as a silk, floral print, wedding day dress with jacket. A note pinned to it reads, "My mother wore this dress in the early 1930s to the wedding of the mother of a General Motors vice president. It was quite an affair."

Spreading out a two-piece afternoon dress from 1885, donated by Sally Southmayd, Jill points to the leg of mutton sleeves and the top's built-in stays. "Feel the weight of it," she exclaims as she holds up the skirt, showing its bustle. "Women wore five layers in those days, including the camisole under the corset, the corset, and the camisole over the corset. The philosophy was to control the body from the outside. Today we believe in controlling the body from the inside."

Jill is very concerned about housing the Collection properly. "So far, money I received from a Packard Grant has been used for an appraiser and a photographer, so we now have excellent slides and a Powerpoint presentation that includes many of the pieces. The appraiser became so involved that she donated her services."

Four honors students from *History of 20th Century Fashion* (Maura McCarthy '03, Carla Mercurio '03, Melissa Pante '03 and Caitlin Zmayefski '03) have been designated to research



Maura McCarthy '03, Carla Mercurio '03, Caitlin Zmayefski '03 and Professor Carey examine a wool opera cape donated by Gertrude B. Duquette '43.



Professor Jill Carey exhibits the dresses donated by Marjorie W. Doran '37.

and design an optimum new space for the Collection. They are meeting with curators at the Museum of Fine Arts and the Quincy Historical Society in order to find out what techniques are used to preserve their collections. These students are both design and merchandising majors and their expertise and skills will complement each other as they attend these meetings and the connected learning project progresses.

"The students will be seeing the spaces these institutions have and how their pieces are housed. Some of the points they will be covering are how they hang and store their costumes, what type of dress forms they use, their use of acid-free paper, and what they do for temperature and moisture control. The information the students present will be used for a grant proposal to fund a new space for the Collection in the Yamawaki Art and Cultural Center. It will be wonderful to have pieces stored by period and to have drawer space that is dedicated to specific items. If we wanted to have a display of bodices, we could just pull open the bodice drawer," Jill excitedly explains.

Using the Collection to tie academic theory with a real life project is a prime example of connected learning, and the modeling of some of the pieces at alumni gatherings has made alumni aware of this incredible resource. The recent alumni donations are appreciated both for their value as a teaching tool and as a personal expression of interest in the College and the Collection. ■



## GIVING & RECEIVING

### "Good Will Planning"

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF BEQUESTS TO LASELL

**R**ECENT WORLD EVENTS, AND THE ENSUING FALLOUT OF NEWS ABOUT HOW some dollars collected were misdirected, have certainly made many of us wary of contributing significant, outright gifts to our favorite charities, whether our church, local hospital, favorite museum, or our alma mater. However, there is a way to provide critical, long-term support to Lasell or other organizations with no disruption of your current lifestyle and no immediate out-of-pocket costs. This method of giving is called a bequest.

Quite simply, a bequest is a gift made at death through your will or trust. There are no minimum dollar amounts required or complex tax rules to

draft a bequest that fits your situation, satisfies your personal goals, and meets Lasell's needs (please see form below for more information). Remember, those who make bequests are also recognized with membership in Lasell's Heritage Society! 🍷

Sincerely,



Cathy Black



Cathy Black, director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving

memorize. You can designate exactly how you want your bequest used or make it unrestricted to meet the ever-changing needs of Lasell. Although a bequest offers no income tax benefits, it can be deductible for estate tax purposes. This is an important feature since, in some cases, estate taxes can be more punishing than income taxes.

There are three main types of bequests: a specific bequest, a residual or proportional bequest, and a contingent bequest. A specific bequest is the simplest form of bequest. It designates a fixed dollar amount or specific property to Lasell. This type of bequest is appropriate when you have an item of value (stocks or bonds, real estate, works of art, or rare books) or a definite dollar amount that you wish to leave to Lasell. A residual or proportional bequest designates either your entire estate or a percentage of your estate after other specific bequests are distributed. The advantage of designating a portion of your estate to Lasell is that the bequest automatically adjusts in size as your estate increases or decreases over the years. Finally, a contingent bequest is carried out only if circumstances make it impossible to carry out a primary bequest. For example, if all other beneficiaries are deceased, then a contingent beneficiary (Lasell) receives a bequest.

All three bequests can benefit Lasell, or one of its specific departments or programs. Alternatively, you may choose to provide a bequest for unrestricted support. Such gifts, directed to Lasell's areas of greatest need, have benefits that are truly campus-wide.

Your will is a legal document and should be drafted or amended by an attorney. I would be happy to work with you and your attorney to



For more information on how gift planning can benefit you and Lasell, please call Cathy Black, director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving, at (617) 243-2223 or fill out this form and mail to:

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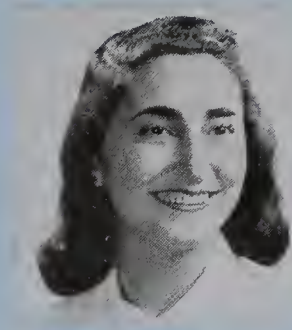
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### Margaret Abrahamian '48 Bequeaths \$90,000

**M**ARGARET "PEGGY" ABRAHAMIAN '48 is a shining example of a bequest donor. Her foresight and generosity will now benefit a college of which she was most proud and that enriched her life enormously.

An active life may have prevented her from staying in close contact with Lasell post-graduation, but clearly, it never strayed from her heart. The legacy she left behind to her beloved alma mater is a testament to this fact.



Margaret "Peggy" Abrahamian '48

With little fanfare, Peggy, who died in September 2000, left a generous bequest of \$90,000 to her College and its students.

Her nephew, Dr. Joseph B. Nadol, Jr., of Massachusetts

Eye and Ear Infirmary, recalls: "Aunt Peggy always made a positive impact on the lives of all those whom she touched. She was generous of her time, attention, and love, and had fond memories of Lasell College."

Peggy lived in W. Yarmouth, Massachusetts and was born in Watertown, Massachusetts. Known as the "Queen of the Day Hops," the name by which Lasell students fondly called commuters, she never let the fact that she lived off-campus prevent her from being an active participant in on-campus activities. A skilled athlete, she played on Lasell's soccer, hockey, basketball, softball, and tennis teams. She also served on the Executive Council and Speaker's Bureau.

Peggy's active extra-curricular activities complemented her work as a dedicated and talented student in the fashion merchandising program. The skills she obtained prepared her well for a fulfilling career as a retail buyer with Grover Cronin, Guilchrist, and RH Stearns stores.

"What a generous and significant way for Peggy to acknowledge her lifelong attachment to her alma mater. We are thrilled to be the recipient of her gift, and are touched that her life at the College had such a lasting influence," said Cathy Black, director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving. 🍷



# SPORTS NEWS AND LASELL COLLEGE ATHLETIC CALENDAR FOR SPRING 2002

Listings that appear in all caps denote home games. Occasionally, due to weather, etc., dates and times may change.  
For confirmation, please check with the Athletics Department at (617) 243-2147.

## LASELL COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER OVERALL RECORD: 8-10 CONFERENCE RECORD: 3-3

There were 14 new faces on the women's soccer team this fall, and they were ably guided by Coach David Glidden who was also entering his first Lasell season.

## MEN'S SOCCER OVERALL RECORD: 6-10 CONFERENCE RECORD: 2-2

This is the fourth year of Lasell's men's soccer program and the schedule included games against many of the best teams in New England.

## LASELL COLLEGE FIELD HOCKEY OVERALL RECORD: 5-14 CONFERENCE RECORD: 3-4

This young team, which had eight freshmen on its roster, gained enough strength and skill to make it to the NAC conference semi-finals for the third straight season.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL OVERALL RECORD: 17-10 CONFERENCE RECORD: 14-11 2001 CONFERENCE CHAMPION

What a year! The women's volleyball team brought home the championship banner for the second time.

## MEN'S VOLLEYBALL OVERALL RECORD: 8-11 CONFERENCE RECORD: 6-8

"We were a team with only seven players and a lot of injuries," said Coach Scott Abbotts, "but we had a lot of heart and came a long way this season.

## LASELL COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

New coach Larry Sullivan was very pleased with the cross country team's performance this year.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL OVERALL RECORD: 21-7 CONFERENCE RECORD: 10-0 2001 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

It was an extraordinary year for the men's team. Earning a bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament and being one of only eight independent institutions to be invited was a first for Lasell Athletics.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERALL RECORD: 13-13 CONFERENCE RECORD: 10-4

Senior Jen Lesnick became the first basketball player in Lasell's history to break 1000 points and she was ably backed up by high scorers Joanna Morin, Monica Sheppard and Keri Tucker. 🏀

## WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

<b>AUGUST</b>		
28 Wednesday	St. Joseph's (ME)scrimmage	TBD
31 Saturday	(scrimmage)	2:00 p.m.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
5 Thursday	UMASS BOSTON	4:00 p.m.
9 Monday	Emerson College	4:00 p.m.
14 Saturday	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	12:00 p.m.
17 Tuesday	Fitchburg State College	4:00 p.m.
21 Saturday	EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE	12:00 p.m.
26 Thursday	Pine Manor College	4:00 p.m.
29 Sunday	BAY PATH COLLEGE*	1:00 p.m.
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
3 Thursday	ELMS COLLEGE*	4:00 p.m.
5 Saturday	MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY*	11:00 a.m.
7 Monday	Becker College*	4:00 p.m.
12 Saturday	Johnson State College*	1:00 p.m.
13 Sunday	Castleton State College*	12:00 p.m.
16 Wednesday	DANIEL WEBSTER COLLEGE	3:30 p.m.
19 Saturday	BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY	2:30 p.m.
22 Tuesday	WHEELOCK COLLEGE*	3:30 p.m.
25 Friday	Lesley College*	3:30 p.m.
27 Sunday	ST JOSEPH'S MAINE	12:00 p.m.
30 Wednesday	Mt. Ida College*	3:00 p.m.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
3 Sunday	North Atlantic Conf. Quarterfinal	TBA
7 Thursday	North Atlantic Conf. Semi-Finals	TBA
9 Saturday	North Atlantic Conference Finals	TBA
* North Atlantic Conference Match		

Head Coach: David Glidden (2nd year)  
Assistant Coach: Laura Noah (2nd year)

## MEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
7 Saturday	UMASS Dartmouth	1:00 p.m.
10 Tuesday	Tufts University	4:00 p.m.
14 Saturday	Mass College	2:00 p.m.
17 Tuesday	CLARK UNIVERSITY	4:00 p.m.
19 Thursday	New England College	4:00 p.m.
21 Saturday	SOUTHERN MAINE UNIVERSITY	2:30 p.m.
24 Tuesday	FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE	4:00 p.m.
28 Saturday	Salem State College	TBD
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
2 Wednesday	Elms College*	3:30 p.m.
5 Saturday	MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY*	1:30 p.m.
7 Monday	BECKER COLLEGE*	4:00 p.m.
12 Saturday	Johnson State College*	3:00 p.m.
13 Sunday	Castleton State College*	2:00 p.m.
19 Saturday	MOUNT IDA COLLEGE*	12:00 p.m.
22 Tuesday	MIT	3:30 p.m.
24 Thursday	SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY	3:30 p.m.
27 Sunday	ST. JOSEPH'S MAINE	2:30 p.m.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
3 Saturday	Quarterfinals	TBA
6 Wednesday	Semi-Finals	TBA
9 Saturday	North Atlantic Conference Championship	TBA
*North Atlantic Conference Match		

Head Coach: Giovanni A. Pacini (5th year)

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
6 Friday	Springfield Tournament	
7 Saturday	Springfield Tournament	
8 Sunday	CARLOW COLLEGE SCRIMMAGE	10:00 a.m.
10 Tuesday	PINE MANOR	7:00
11 Wednesday	BABSON COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
14 Saturday	TRI-MATCH BAY PATH/ELMS*	12:00 p.m.
17 Tuesday	Mount Ida*	7:00 p.m.
19 Thursday	Westfield State College	7:00 p.m.
21 Saturday	Colby-Sawyer tri-match w/ Anna MariaTBA	
22 Sunday	TRI-MATCH w/ NEWBURY& D'YOUVUILE	12:00 p.m.
23 Monday	Rivier College	7:00 p.m.
27 Friday	Bridgewater Tournery	TBA p.m.
28 Saturday	Bridgewater Tournery	TBA p.m.
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
1 Tuesday	Suffolk University	7:00 p.m.
5 Saturday	Tri-match Wentworth & Umass	12:00 p.m.
11 Friday	Eastern Connecticut Tournery	TBA
12 Saturday	@Eastern Connecticut Tournery	TBA
19 Saturday	BECKER/EMERSON Tri-Match*	12:30 p.m.
21 Monday	Lesley College*	7:00 p.m.

22 Tuesday	REGIS COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
30 Thursday	Anna Maria	7:00 p.m.

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
1 Friday	Brandeis Tournament	TBA
2 Saturday	Brandeis Tournament	TBA
6 Wednesday	North Atlantic Conference Quarterfinals	TBD
9 Saturday	North Atlantic Conference Semi-finals & Finals	TBA
*North Atlantic Conference Match		

Head Coach: Mary Tom (6th year)  
Assistant Coach: Karin Chue (6th year)

## FIELD HOCKEY

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
5 Thursday	ANNA MARIA COLLEGE	4:00 p.m.
8 Sunday	CASTLETON STATE (Scrimmage)	1:00 p.m.
12 Thursday	Fitchburg State College	4:30 p.m.
14 Saturday	Husson College(overnight in Maine)*	2:00 p.m.
15 Sunday	Thomas College*	12:00 p.m.
21 Saturday	WNEC*	12:00 p.m.
27 Thursday	Wheelock College*	7:30 p.m.
29 Saturday	UNIVERSITY OF MAINE Home FARMINGTON	1:00 p.m.
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
2 Tuesday	Simmons College*	4:00 p.m.
5 Saturday	HUSSON COLLEGE	1:00 p.m.
8 Tuesday	BECKER COLLEGE*	4:00 p.m.
10 Thursday	Regis College	4:00 p.m.
15 Tuesday	AIC	4:00 p.m.
19 Saturday	ST. JOSEPH'S MAINE	1:00 p.m.
22 Tuesday	NICHOLS COLLEGE	4:00 p.m.
26 Saturday	Elms College*	TBD
29 Tuesday	SALEM STATE COLLEGE	4:00 p.m.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
2 Tuesday	NAC Quarterfinals	TBD
5 Saturday	NAC Semi-finals	TBD
9 Sunday	NAC Finals	TBD
*North Atlantic Conference Game		

Head Coach: Jessica King (4th year)  
Assistant Coach: Sarah Palfy (3rd Year)  
Goalie Coach: Kelly Sullivan (4th year)



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